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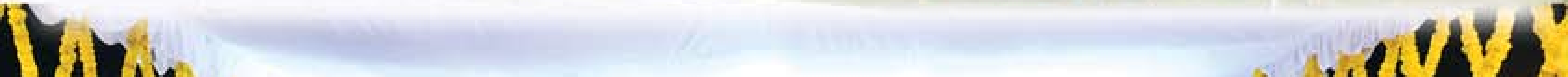

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K. Stalin**, opened the Porunai Museum near Tirunelveli, with a built up area of 54,296 sq. ft. on a 13-acre site, at a cost of Rs.56.36 crore, on 20.12.2025.

May the New Year be filled with peace, harmony, happiness and new victories

New Year Greetings of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K.Stalin - 2026.

As we bid farewell to 2025, a year that brought success to Tamil Nadu in many ways and prepare to step into 2026, a year that promises unprecedented achievements.

It would not be an exaggeration to say that 2025 was an outstanding year for the development of the Tamil language, the resurgence of the Tamil people and overall the progress of Tamil Nadu. The recognition we have earned, including securing the top position in economic growth and GSDP growth, strengthens our dream of achieving a one trillion-dollar economy by 2030.

The year 2025 was filled with schemes that brought joy to every section of society, including women, farmers, students, differently-abled persons, fishermen, traders, weavers, marginalized communities, entrepreneurs and athletes. Initiatives such as the Kalaignar Kanavu Illam scheme, which provides homes for the homeless, the unprecedented distribution of land titles and the empowerment of the underprivileged through land ownership stand as clear proof of who receives priority under our Dravidian Model Government.

Through the Ungaludan Stalin camps, the needs of the people are being addressed promptly, and through the 'Nalam Kaakkum Stalin' Camps, high-quality specialized medical services are being provided to the public. In 2025, Tamil Nadu held its head high with remarkable achievements in education and with Tamil women attaining great success! The breakfast scheme and the 'Kalaignar Magalir Urimai Thogai' Scheme were significantly expanded, widespread and equitable development across all districts is steadily becoming a reality.

As in previous year 2025 was also marked by our, struggles for state rights, mobilizing nationwide opposition to the threat of constituency delimitation, protecting the people's right to vote from the insidious Special Intensive Revision of electoral, forming a high-level committee on rolls, state autonomy, releasing the state education policy, raising our voice for educational funding from the Union Government, and securing a historic Supreme Court judgement against the Governor's overreach of power. In short, 2025 was the year that proclaimed to the world that Tamil Nadu will not bow down to anyone, Tamil Nadu will fight, and Tamil Nadu will win!

With the encouragement drawn from our victories so far and the courage gained through our struggles, we move forward towards a great victory in 2026! By 'we', I mean the victory that all of you, the people of Tamil Nadu, are going to achieve. I extend my New Year greetings to everyone, wishing you a prosperous 2026 filled with peace, harmony, happiness, and new victories.

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Sudachchuda Norkir Pavarkku (Kural 267)

Those who strive for a goal while subjecting themselves to austerities to fulfil a pledge, will rise in glory whatever the hardships that befall them, like gold that shines brighter when heated in a fire

\- *From Kalaignar's commentary on the Kural...*

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FIRST WRAPPER

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M K Stalin,** as part of the 'Vellum Tamil Pengal' event, inaugurated the second phase of the expansion of the Kalaignar Magalir Urimai Thogai Scheme at the Nehru Indoor Stadium, Chennai on 12.12.2025.

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The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K.Stalin** launched the second phase of the expansion of the Kalaignar Magalir Urimai Thogai Scheme**.**

Expansion of the Kalaignar Magalir Urimai Thogai Scheme at 'Vellum Tamil Pengal' event

Under the leadership of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K.Stalin and in the presence of the Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister Thiru. Udhayanidhi Stalin, on 12.12.2025, at the Nehru Indoor Stadium, Chennai, the 'Vellum Tamil Pengal' grand celebration was held. The event showcased the achievements of various pioneering schemes implemented by the Government of Tamil Nadu for women, the experiences of women beneficiaries, and brought together outstanding women achievers from different fields to highlight the Government's initiatives for women's empowerment.

At this event, the Hon'ble Chief Minister launched the second phase of expansion of the Kalaignar Magalir Urimai Thogai Scheme, benefiting 16,94,339 women, and as a token,

distributed ATM cards for the allowance to 10 women.

Kalaignar Magalir Urimai Thogai

As a major initiative for women in Tamil Nadu, the Kalaignar Magalir Urimai Thogai Scheme was announced in the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly on 27.03.2023 by the Hon'ble Chief Minister, stating that nearly one crore women heads of families would receive Rs.1,000 per month. On 15.09.2023, the birth anniversary of Perarignar Anna, the scheme was launched in Kancheepuram in its first phase, benefiting about 1.13 crore women. The allowance is being credited directly into the bank accounts of beneficiaries on the 15th of every month.

Recognizing women's contribution, the Hon'ble Chief Minister launched the second phase of expansion of the scheme, benefiting an additional 16,94,339 women, and distributed ATM cards for the allowance. With this, a total of 1,30,69,831 women will benefit from the Kalaignar Magalir Urimai Thogai Scheme.

At the same time, across all Districts of Tamil Nadu, Hon'ble Ministers, Members of Parliament, Members of the Legislative Assembly, and District Collectors launched the second phase of the expansion of the scheme, crediting Rs.1,000 directly into women's bank accounts.

'Vellum Tamil Pengal' – Grand Celebration of Achieving Women of Tamil Nadu

The state-level "Vellum Tamil Pengal" celebration highlighted the success stories of women beneficiaries and achievers from schemes such as the Kalaignar Magalir Urimai Thogai Scheme, Nannilam Women's Land Ownership Scheme, Vidiyal Payanam, Nalam Kaakkum Stalin, Makkalai Thedi Maruthuvam, Self-Help Groups, Vetri Nichayam, women entrepreneurs, and Thozhi hostels.

Women's Welfare

Understanding the needs of working women who travel to other cities for employment, safe, quality, and affordable hostels called 'Thozhi Hostels' are being run in various Districts under the Social Welfare and Women Empowerment Department. Beneficiaries of these hostels spoke about the facilities and safe environment provided and expressed their gratitude to the Dravidian Model Government.

Beneficiaries of the Makkalai Thedi Maruthuvam scheme, Nalam Kaakkum Stalin special medical camps, and the Chief Minister's Comprehensive Health Insurance Scheme thanked the Government for providing medical services at their doorstep and advanced healthcare.

At this event, Actress Tmt. Devayani, Film Director Vasanthabalan, and 'family care physician' Dr. Farook Abdulla participated as special guests.

Women Leadership

The Hon'ble Chief Minister witnessed adventure demonstrations by women commandos from the Police Department. Panchayat heads, women councillors, ISRO project director Tmt. Nigar Shaji, and Major General Tmt. Ignatius Flora shared their experiences and thanked the Government of Tamil Nadu for encouraging them. Female 'Odhuvar' singers and Kalpana Chawla Award recipient Ezhilarasi also participated.

A team of women doctors led by Dr. B. Rajeswari from the Rajiv Gandhi Government General Hospital, Chennai, explained how they successfully performed a very rare and highly challenging cross-hand re-plantation surgical procedure at the global level, lasting ten hours, to restore the hand of a young man from Bihar who lost his hands in an accident.

ISRO project director Tmt. Nigar Shaji, chief executive officers of various companies,

and Tmt. Kavitha Jawahar also participated as special guests.

Increase of Women Employment in Industry

The Government of Tamil Nadu is taking several initiatives to create more employment opportunities for youth, attract investments from leading global companies, conduct investors' meets across Districts, and develop world-class infrastructure throughout the state. It is noteworthy that women workers are getting employment in large numbers in these industries.

Women workers who benefited from employment opportunities expressed their gratitude to the Government of Tamil Nadu for helping improve their lives.

Women entrepreneurs who succeeded through Government-provided loans and skill training shared their experiences and thanked the Government.

At the event, Selvi Sara, a Sri Lankan Tamil woman living in a camp and working as a tailor, presented a handkerchief embroidered with the word "Appa" to the Hon'ble Chief Minister.

Selvi Ezhilarasi, a hearing- and speech-impaired differently-abled woman from Ariyalur District, explained through sign language how she benefited from the Vetri Nichayam scheme and expressed her gratitude to the Government.

Actor Thiru. Sathyaraj and film director and writer Thiru.Gnanavel participated as special guests.

My life has improved because of the Kalaignar Magalir Urimai Thogai Scheme

At this event, Tmt. Rukmani, a beneficiary of the Kalaignar Magalir Urimai Thogai Scheme and a differently-abled woman from Saidapet, Chennai District, spoke as follows:

My name is Rukmani. I live in the Saidapet, area of Chennai District. Many women are benefiting from the Government of Tamil Nadu's Kalaignar Magalir Urimai Thogai Scheme. As a differently-abled person, I am unable to go to work and stay at home. During emergencies, I had to depend on others and wait for help. At times, I was in very difficult situations due to lack of money. But now, I am also a beneficiary and receive Rs.1,000 every month as women's assistance. Because of this, I do not have to ask anyone for money. With this amount, I manage my needs as those of and my two children. My life has improved because of the Kalaignar Magalir Urimai Thogai Scheme.

Beneficiaries of the Vidiyal Payanam scheme stated that free bus travel helped them save travel expenses, allowing them to save part of their income and use it for their children's education and family needs. They thanked the Government for effectively implementing the scheme.

Kalaignar Magalir Urimai Thogai Scheme

Beneficiaries of the scheme explained how they used the allowance for the improvement of their families and expressed their gratitude to the Government of Tamil Nadu.

At this event, Actress Tmt. Rohini and film director Thiru. Raju Murugan participated as special guests.

Women IAS officers, IPS officers, doctors, nurses, women officials serving in various responsibilities, and senior women Government officers appeared on stage.

Special Guests

Social activist and Padma Bhushan awardee Tmt. Krishnammal Jagannathan, who fought against social injustice through Gandhian principles, and badminton player Selvi

Thulasimathi Murugesan from Kancheepuram, who won a silver medal at the 2024 Paralympics, participated as special guests.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, Thiru. M.K.Stalin, delivered his address.

My warm greetings to all of you.

It has been three hours since I arrived at this event. Rather than saying that I listened to all the speeches here, I must say that I was deeply moved. I listened to your heart-touching stories that give self-confidence and new hope. My heartfelt thanks to all of you who spoke from your hearts and to all the sisters who encouraged them with enthusiastic applause. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

My gratitude reflects the feeling that this responsibility must be carried out well, and even better. We invited two special guests for this event. One is the respected Krishnammal Jagannathan, who has lived a fulfilled life for 100 years and achieved success in public life. She is most appropriate.

The other is the young achiever, sister Thulasimathi Murugesan. She spoke excellently. Not only in sports, even if she enters politics, she would be number one. At this young age, she has overcome all challenges and achieved success. She too is most appropriate. There could not have been better guests than them.

Our goal is that the society we live in should function as an equal society, without discrimination based on caste, religion, race, language, or gender, where everything is for everyone. That is why, immediately after I assumed office as the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu on 7 May 2021, I

declared that ours is a Dravidian Model Government and began implementing many pioneering schemes.

In our journey towards this goal, the biggest initiative and a scheme that rewrites history is the Kalaignar Magalir Urimai Thogai Scheme. When announcing this scheme, we clearly stated that this is not assistance; it is a right. Schemes are the practical expression of policy ideas. The success of a scheme is not only in its effective implementation, but also in how well the people use it to improve their quality of life and social status. In that sense, the Kalaignar Magalir Urimai Thogai Scheme has achieved great success.

In most households in the state, women receive one thousand rupees per month. Through the Vidiyal Payanam scheme, nearly another thousand rupees is saved every month. Through the Pudhumai Penn and Tamil Pudhalvan schemes, their children receive one thousand rupees per month, which has increased both cash flow and savings in every family.

By turning the flagship schemes of the Dravidian Model Government into investments, women of Tamil Nadu are strengthening their economic power. This is how I see the success of this scheme. These are direct benefits. Indirectly, having money in hand increases women's social status, helps them buy nutritious vegetables, spend on their children's education, and improve their overall standard of living.

You all heard what was spoken here. When they share their success stories as "Vellum Tamil Pengal", who have benefited from countless schemes of our Dravidian Model Government such as the Kalaignar Magalir Urimai Thogai Scheme, Nannilam Women Land Ownership Scheme, Vidiyal Payanam, Makkalai Thedi Maruthuvam, self-help groups, Vetri Nichayam, Nalam Kaakkum Stalin, women entrepreneurs, sports initiatives, and Thozhi hostels, I feel immense pride as a cadre of the Dravidian movement.

Do you know what the peak of success of this Kalaignar Magalir Urimai Thogai Scheme

Through the 'Gender Resource Centre', I have become a respected woman in society.

At this event, Tmt. Pramila, a beneficiary of the Gender Resource Centre scheme from Sathankulam area of Thoothukudi District, spoke as follows:

My name is Pramila. I live in the Sathankulam area of Thoothukudi District. The marriage that my father arranged for me was disastrous. My father was so distraught because of it that he committed suicide. This caused more pain in my life. I also faced severe criticism in society. The only thought that pushed me forward was that I should struggle and succeed somehow. That was when I came to know about the Government of Tamil Nadu's Gender Resource Centre. This scheme proved very helpful in bringing out affected women like me out of the dumps.

By joining this scheme, we have reunited many families that were on the verge of separation. We are rescuing elderly parents as well. At the point where I thought my life was over, I have started life again. I have risen as a respected woman in society. The reason for all this is the Government of Tamil Nadu. If this scheme had been started earlier, I would not have lost my father.

is? Even neighbouring states are implementing this scheme in their own states. I will go further. Even those who used to dismiss welfare schemes as freebies have now started implementing this scheme in their states.

Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Chhattisgarh, Odisha, Puducherry, and now Karnataka, Jharkhand, Himachal Pradesh, West Bengal, and Sikkim. In ten states, this right-based payment has emerged as a scheme for women's renaissance. Do not think that I am saying this for stage decoration or pride. Economists have studied the impact this scheme has created in society and have published reports.

Leading media outlets have published editorials and articles. On 27th March last year, the Dinathanthi newspaper published an editorial. In that editorial, they also published a cartoon showing women seated on thrones representing the Pudhumai Penn scheme, the Vidiyal Payanam scheme, and at the centre, the Kalaignar Urimai Thogai Scheme, stating that I had implemented three schemes for women to live with self-respect.

They also praised these schemes saying they would be remembered forever for uplifting women. Without letting all this praise go to my head, but carrying it in my heart, with the values given by Periyar, Perarignar Anna, and Thalaivar Kalaignar, I say this: this one thousand rupees is only a beginning.

By restoring the development of Tamil Nadu that was damaged for ten years, the economy will grow to an extent never seen in history and unmatched by any other state in India. Our Dravidian Model Government has achieved a 16 percent GSDP growth. I felt that women must definitely get their share in this growth.

So far, under the Kalaignar Magalir Urimai Thogai Scheme, we have provided one thousand rupees per month to 1 crore 13 lakh 75 thousand 492 sisters, till now. I said that the number must be increased. For that, through the Makkaludan Stalin camps, we announced that women who were left out could also apply. This morning, one thousand rupees has been credited to the accounts of 16 lakh 94 thousand 339 women. From now on, one crore 30 lakh 69 thousand 831 sisters in Tamil Nadu will continuously receive one thousand rupees every month.

In a rising Tamil Nadu, as women walk with pride, the entitlement amount will definitely increase. Women's rights will also increase. I say this with certainty. When historians write history in the future, they will write that a new chapter in women's empowerment began under Stalin's Dravidian Model Government. I want this entitlement amount to be used not only for your progress, but also for the education of your daughters and sons.

Education is the best investment. It is a wealth that no one can destroy. For the coming generations to prosper, women's advancement and women's education are essential. You must

Women have made significant progress through the 'Vidiyal Payanam Scheme for Women'

At this event, Tmt. Barkath Nisha, a beneficiary of the Vidiyal Free Bus Travel Scheme for Women from Edamalaipatti Pudur in Tiruchirappalli District, spoke as follows:

My name is Barkath Nisha. I live in Edamalaipatti Pudur, Tiruchirappalli District. Since my village is a rural area, I earn Rs.300 per day when I go for daily wage work. Out of this, Rs.60 is spent only on bus tickets. After the Government of Tamil Nadu introduced the Vidiyal Payanam, I travel free of cost in Government buses. I bring my entire wages home.

Through this, I save around Rs.1,800 to Rs.2,000 every month. As my husband has asthma, I save the bus fare money and buy medicines for him. Due to the excellent schemes of the Government of Tamil Nadu, women have made great progress. This is an undeniable fact.

rise, spread your wings, and fly. Men and women must achieve equally. For that, as your brother and as a member of your family, this Muthuvel Karunanidhi Stalin will always be there. Always.

Nandri.. Vanakkam..

Speech delivered by the Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. Udhayanidhi Stalin, at the function

I extend my respectful greetings to the Hon'ble Chief Minister.

I am very happy and proud to meet you all on this historic day dedicated to the progress of the women of Tamil Nadu.

When we say Dravidian Model Government, it is known everywhere as a "Government for women". Not only women and men of Tamil Nadu, but the entire country today says this.

The reason for this is that whenever our Hon'ble Chief Minister introduces any scheme, he implements it with women's development in mind.

Today, when we see women progressing and achieving in many fields, each of us can proudly say, "This is our Tamil Nadu, this is our Tamil woman." Our state is functioning in such a proud manner today.

In terms of women's rights, Tamil Nadu stands as a leading state in India. While other states speak about giving rights to women, Tamil Nadu, under the Dravidian Model Government and our Hon'ble Chief Minister, has gone beyond rights and given women authority.

Once, someone asked Periyar, "You speak about women's rights. What are the rights that must be given to women?" Periyar simply replied, "All the rights that men have should also be given to women."

Periyar said that for women's slavery to end, two things must first happen. One, women must get property rights. Two, women must get education and employment. The Dravidian Government has the pride of having achieved both.

In 1989, Kalaignar Dr. Karunanidhi brought a law granting equal rights to women in family property, the first of its kind in India. He also started women's self-help groups for the first time in India and appointed women in the police force for the first time.

Following his path, our Hon'ble Chief Minister is now implementing many progressive schemes for women.

On the very first day he assumed office as Chief Minister in 2021, his first signature was for the free travel scheme for women.

Earlier, going out for work was seen as men's responsibility, while women were expected to handle household work. There was even a saying that "a job is a man's dignity." The Dravidian Model Government changed this thinking and showed that employment is dignity for women too.

That is why today, 43 percent of the women working in factories across India are from Tamil Nadu, a matter of pride for our state.

Success has truly come to me through the Vetri Nichayam Scheme

At this event, Selvi Sara, a beneficiary of the Vetri Nichayam Scheme from the Sri Lankan Tamil Refugee Camp in Tiruvannamalai District, spoke as follows:

My name is Sara. I live in the Sri Lankan Tamil Rehabilitation Camp in Tiruvannamalai District. Earlier, we lived in a ten-by-ten plywood sheet house near a rice godown. We used to go to school to use the toilet. Two years ago, the Government built and gave us a house with toilet facilities at Thachur. Through the Vetri Nichayam programme, I attended an Aari embroidery class. Now, I earn from home. Through the Vetri Nichayam scheme, I have truly achieved success. That is why I am standing here today.

The Dravidian Model Government was the first in Indian history to recognize the labour of women heads of families. The progressive scheme introduced by our Hon'ble Chief Minister is called the Kalaignar Magalir Urimai Thogai Scheme.

Many states are now following this scheme. However, they do not call it a rights-based grant. Only Tamil Nadu viewed it not as assistance or concession, but as a rightful entitlement for women.

Now, by relaxing earlier rules and expanding the scheme to benefit more women, our Hon'ble Chief Minister has further extended this scheme from today.

In addition to this, schemes such as the Pudhumai Penn Scheme, Chief Minister's

Breakfast Scheme, Thayumanavar Scheme, Thozhi Hostels, and women's self-help groups are being implemented for women.

In sports too, Tamil Nadu women athletes continue to achieve at national and international levels.

A fine example is my sister Thulasimathi Murugesan, seated here on the stage. Born into a poor family in Kancheepuram and being a differently-abled person, she has many achievements at the global level in para-badminton through confidence and perseverance.

Recently, she won a silver medal at the Paralympics held in Paris, bringing pride to Tamil Nadu and India. She also became the first Indian woman para-badminton player to reach the finals at the Paralympics. Recently, our Hon'ble Chief Minister also presented her with the Kalpana Chawla Award on behalf of the Government.

Beyond being a differently-abled person, sister Thulasimathi has become a role model and inspiration to many. I extend my heartfelt congratulations to her.

Similarly, we have with us today the respected social worker Padma Shri Krishnammal Jagannathan. She began her social service at the age of 11 and, even after crossing 101 years of age, continues her struggle with the same determination.

Through mass movements and legal struggles, she played a major role in securing thousands of acres of land in the names of oppressed communities and women.

Wherever oppressed people and women are affected in any corner of India, she continues to stand for their rights. Her work will surely guide everyone.

I warmly welcome the Hon'ble Chief Minister, who is presiding over this historic event.

I also welcome the Ministers Thiru. Ma. Subramanian and Thiru. Sekar Babu, the respected Mayor sister Priya Rajan, Member of Parliament Thiru. T.R. Baalu and all Members of Parliament and Legislative Assembly present here, Chief Secretary of Tamil Nadu Thiru. N.Muruganandam, I.A.S., all Government officials, Deputy Mayor Brother Thiru. Mahesh Kumar, representatives of local bodies, social worker Tmt. Krishnammal Jagannathan, Sister Thulasimathi Murugesan, beneficiaries who shared their views, my friends from the film industry, special guests, dear mothers and sisters, and all media friends.

With love and gratitude, I conclude by saying that through the schemes of the Dravidian Model Government, victorious Tamil women will continue to reach greater heights. I thank everyone for this opportunity.

Nandri, Vanakkam.

Hon'ble Chief Minister inaugurated 63 completed projects worth Rs.3,065.49 crore and distributed welfare assistance to 1,77,562 beneficiaries in Madurai District

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K.Stalin on 07.12.2025, at a Government function held at Kalaignar Thidal, Uthangudi, Madurai District, inaugurated 63 completed works carried out at a cost of Rs.2,630.88 crore, laid foundation stones for 7 new project works estimated at Rs.17.18 crore, and distributed Government welfare assistance worth Rs.417.43 crore to 1,77,562 beneficiaries from various Departments.

> The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K.Stalin, inaugurated completed project works and distributed Government welfare assistance

Details of completed project works inaugurated in Madurai District

On behalf of the Highways and Minor Ports Department, a flyover at the Madurai-Thondi Road Melamadai junction constructed at a cost of Rs.150.28 crore.

On behalf of the Municipal Administration and Water Supply Department, pipelines from Mullai Periyar Lower Camp area to Pannaipatti with a pumping station at a cost of Rs.464.32 crore, a drinking water treatment plant at Pannaipatti at a cost of Rs.131.28 crore, pipelines from Pannaipatti to Madurai city and 38 new overhead water tanks within the city at a cost of Rs.720.85 crore; drinking water distribution pipelines and house connections in 28 newly added wards of Madurai Corporation at a cost of Rs.293.24 crore; drinking water distribution pipelines and house connections in 57 wards in the central area of Madurai Corporation at a cost of Rs.461 crore; a flyover on the Alanganallur–Valasai Road at a cost of Rs.2.05 crore, community halls at Alanganallur-Hospital Road and Valasai at a cost of Rs.1.31 crore, Sholavandan Town Panchayat office building at a cost of Rs.53 lakh, and development works including parks, ponds, and 26 buildings at various places under Melur Municipality at a cost of Rs.9.20 crore.

On behalf of the Tamil Nadu Water Supply and Drainage Board, a new combined drinking water supply improvement scheme for 88 rural habitations under Melur and Kottampatti unions at a cost of Rs.127.18 crore, and for 236 rural habitations under T. Kallupatti and Sedapatti unions at a cost of Rs.240.45 crore.

On behalf of the School Education Department, 14 classroom buildings at Tiruparankundram Government Higher Secondary School at a cost of Rs.2.96 crore, 9 classroom buildings along with boys and girls toilets and drinking water facilities at Ayyur Government High School at a cost of Rs.2.35 crore, an additional building at Alanganallur Government Boys Higher Secondary School at a cost of Rs.61.40 lakh, additional classroom buildings at T. Vadipatti Government Girls Higher Secondary School, Othakadai Government Boys Higher Secondary School, and P. Ammapatti Government Model Higher Secondary School at a cost of Rs.3.53 crore, and six classroom buildings with boys and girls toilets and drinking water facilities at Sandhaiyur Government High School at a cost of Rs.1.64 crore.

On behalf of the Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department, a residential building with Project Director camp office at Madurai West Panchayat Union at a cost of Rs.2 crore, a gas crematorium at Othakadai at a cost of Rs.2.10 crore, a Panchayat Union office at Uchapatti at a cost of Rs.5.36 crore, a sub-health centre at Thullukutti Nayakkanur at a cost of Rs.45 lakh, a community hall at Kurichipatti at a cost of Rs.80 lakh, a rural health centre at Karungalakkudi at a cost of Rs.50 lakh, and a fair price shop at Kuruvithurai at a cost of Rs.10 lakh.

On behalf of the Social Welfare and Women Empowerment Department, anganwadi centres at Thirumangalam–Anna Nagar, Muslim Boys School, Chathirappatti, and Kulamangalam at a cost of Rs.70.45 lakh.

On behalf of the Animal Husbandry Department, a frozen semen storage bank at the Tallakulam Animal Polyclinic campus at a cost of Rs.50 lakh, and a new building at Melur Veterinary Hospital at a cost of Rs.89.50 lakh.

On behalf of the Commercial Taxes and Registration Department, a Sub-Registrar Office at Sholavandan at a cost of Rs.1.67 crore.

On behalf of the Natural Resources Department, the Geology and Mining Department Madurai Regional Joint Director Office at a cost of Rs.2 crore.

On behalf of the Revenue and Disaster Management Department, a Revenue Inspector office with residence at Ezhumalai at a cost of Rs.35 lakh.

On behalf of the Transport Department, an additional floor for trainee hostels at the Amma Driver Training School building in the Madurai District Collectorate campus at a cost of Rs.50 lakh, and a modernised Government automated workshop at a cost of Rs.13.85 lakh.

Thus, the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu today inaugurated 63 completed project works carried out at a total cost of Rs.2,630.87 crore.

Details of works for which foundation stones were laid in Madurai District

On behalf of the Cooperative Department, new office buildings for Keelaiyur and Thumbaipatti Primary Agricultural Cooperative Credit Societies at a cost of Rs.80 lakh, a multi-purpose service centre for Vadipatti Agricultural Producers Cooperative Marketing Society at a cost of Rs.1.20 crore, and a large storage godown with a capacity of 1,000 MT for K. Vellakulam Primary Agricultural Cooperative Credit Society at a cost of Rs.1.97 crore.

On behalf of the Animal Husbandry Department, a new Animal Polyclinic at the Tallakulam Animal Polyclinic campus at a cost of Rs.1.90 crore.

On behalf of the Tourism Department, tourism development works at Kutladampatti Waterfalls area at a cost of Rs.2.93 crore.

On behalf of the Municipal Administration and Water Supply Department, construction of a sewage treatment plant at Melur Municipality at a cost of Rs.8.37 crore.

Thus, the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu today laid foundation stones for 7 new project works estimated at a total cost of Rs.17.17 crore.

Details of Government welfare assistance distributed to beneficiaries in Madurai District

On behalf of the Revenue and Disaster Management Department, natham house site pattas to 7,784 beneficiaries, pattas to 2,880 beneficiaries under the Natham Land Survey Scheme, pattas to 3,400 beneficiaries through the Tamil Nadu Housing Board, pattas to 1,376 beneficiaries through the Tamil Nadu Urban Habitat Development Board, pattas to

28,424 beneficiaries under the Urban Land Survey Scheme, pattas to 2,437 beneficiaries through the Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare Department, pattas to 1,099 beneficiaries through the Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Minorities Welfare Department, subdivided pattas to 12,236 beneficiaries and non-subdivided pattas to 4,062 beneficiaries through the Ungaludan Stalin Scheme, totalling pattas to 1,00,211 beneficiaries.

On behalf of the Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department, houses to 1,000 beneficiaries under the Kalaignar Kanavu Illam Scheme, and loan assistance to 61,433 beneficiaries under the Tamil Nadu State Rural Livelihood Mission, Magalir Thittam, and Vaazhnthu Kaattuvom Scheme.

On behalf of the Labour Welfare and Skill Development Department, autos and e-scooter subsidies to 260 beneficiaries including women drivers and transgender persons.

On behalf of the Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Department, subsidy-linked loan assistance to 712 beneficiaries for commercial extension grants, mobile vegetable vending carts, power tillers, power weeders, battery sprayers, power sprayers, farmer service centres, borewells, new electric motors, solar tunnel dryers, solar pump sets, onion storage godowns, permanent pandals, shade net houses, tractors and implements, and assistance under the Tamil Nadu Millet Mission, Value Addition Centres, and Entrepreneurship Schemes.

On behalf of the Differently Abled Welfare Department, petrol scooters with side wheels, battery-operated wheelchairs, motorised sewing machines, smartphones, tricycles, and special wheelchairs for persons affected by cerebral palsy to 735 beneficiaries.

On behalf of the Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare Department, free sewing machines and ironing boxes to 52 beneficiaries, pensions and appointment orders to families affected under the Prevention of Atrocities Act.

On behalf of the Backward Classes and Minorities Welfare Department, free sewing machines with electric motors and ironing boxes to 134 beneficiaries; through TAHDCO, vehicle loan assistance to 97 beneficiaries and assistance under the Pradhan Mantri Anusuchit Jaati Abhyudaya Yojana.

On behalf of the Animal Husbandry, Dairy Development, Fisheries and Fishermen Welfare Department, assistance with 50 percent subsidy to 16 beneficiaries for setting up poultry units with 250 birds, backyard poultry units, ornamental fish culture schemes, and new fish farm establishment schemes.

On behalf of the Cooperative, Food and Consumer Protection Department, crop loans, animal husbandry loans, self-help group loans, loans for differently abled persons, minority welfare loans, backward class welfare loans, and new family cards to 11,476 beneficiaries.

On behalf of the Health and Family Welfare Department, assistance to 1,010 beneficiaries under the Chief Minister's Comprehensive Health Insurance Scheme, and maternity benefit kits to pregnant women.

On behalf of the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Department, vehicle loan assistance to 50 beneficiaries and assistance under the Kalaignar Handicrafts Scheme and Annal Ambedkar Business Champions Scheme.

On behalf of the Social Welfare and Women Empowerment Department, assistance to 316 beneficiaries under the Chief Minister's Girl Child Protection Scheme and marriage assistance schemes.

On behalf of the Forest Department, assistance to 10 beneficiaries under the free housing scheme for tribal people.

On behalf of the Tamil Nadu Urban Habitat Development Board, allotment orders for Uchapatti Thoppur tenements to 50 beneficiaries.

Thus, the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu distributed Government welfare assistance worth a total of Rs.417.43 crore to 1,77,562 beneficiaries from various Departments.

Birth Anniversary of Mootharignar Rajaji

On behalf of the Government of Tamil Nadu, on the occasion of the 147th birth anniversary of Mootharignar Rajaji, floral tributes were paid on 10.12.2025 to a decorated portrait of the leader placed near his statue located in the High Court complex at Parry's Corner, Chennai, by the Hon'ble Minister for Tamil Development, Information & Publicity, Thiru. M. P. Saminathan, the Mayor of Greater Chennai Corporation, Tmt. R. Priya, the Deputy Mayor, Thiru. M. Mahesh Kumar, the Secretary to Government, Tamil Development and Information Department, Thiru. V. Rajaraman, I.A.S, and the Director of the Information and Public Relations Department, Dr. R. Vaithinathan, I.A.S.

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91 MoUs signed at the Madurai Conclave, jobs for 56,766 persons with Rs. 36,660.35 crore investment

In the presence of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, **Thiru. M.K.Stalin,** TN Rising Investors Conclave held in Madurai.

At the TN Rising Investors Conclave held in Madurai on 07.12.2025, in the presence of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K.Stalin, on behalf of the Industries, Investment Promotion and Commerce Department, 46 Memorandums of Understanding were signed with an investment of Rs. 35,560.15 crore to provide employment to 52,060 persons. On behalf of the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Department, 45 Memorandums of Understanding were signed with an investment of Rs. 1,100.20 crore to provide employment to 4,706 persons. In total, 91 Memorandums of Understanding were signed with an investment of Rs. 36,660.35 crore to provide employment to 56,766 persons.

Memorandums of Understanding signed at the Investors Meet

Industries, Investment Promotion and Commerce Department

Some of the important projects for which Memorandums of Understanding were signed are as follows:

1. Pei Hai Group: The Taiwan-based Pei Hai Group will establish a non-leather footwear manufacturing project in Madurai. Through this project, employment opportunities will be created for 15,000 persons, most of which will be for women.

2. Hyundai Company: The company will establish a shipbuilding project. At a time when Tamil Nadu is making good progress in the shipbuilding sector, this investment will not only encourage other companies but also attract ancillary manufacturing units.

3. SFO Technologies: This company, one of the leading firms in engineering, electronics and information technology solutions, will undertake an expansion project for electronic component manufacturing in Theni.

4. Reliance Industries: In the southern Districts, Reliance Industries will make an investment of Rs. 11,000 crore in the bio-energy sector.

Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Department

On behalf of the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Department, 45 Memorandums of Understanding were signed with an investment of Rs. 1,100.20 crore to provide employment to 4,706 persons.

Other important events of the meet

Foundation stone laying for SIPCOT Melur Industrial Park

To further strengthen the industrial development of Madurai and to create a platform for new investments and employment opportunities, an industrial park will be developed by SIPCOT at Melur, Madurai, over an area of 278.26 acres, with world-class basic amenities and modern infrastructure facilities. The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu laid the foundation stone for this industrial park on 07.12.2025.

Release of Madurai Master Plan 2044

With the objective of developing Madurai as a pioneering city that blends heritage with new opportunities, and considering a projected population of 42 lakh, the "Madurai Master Plan – 2044" prepared by the Directorate of Town

and Country Planning (DTCP) was released by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu.

Release of 'Tamil Nadu Toy Manufacturing Policy 2025'

With the aim of developing Tamil Nadu as a leading hub for high-quality and sustainable toy manufacturing, enhancing the traditional toy-making skills of artisans in places such as Vilacheri, Thanjavur, and Ambasamudram, and providing them with new market, design, and investment opportunities, the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu released the "Tamil Nadu Toy Manufacturing Policy 2025" .

Financial assistance for collaborative research projects

With the objective of building a knowledge economy through collaboration between industry and academia, the 'Government of Tamil Nadu University Research Park Trust' established by the Government of Tamil Nadu, in association with Madurai Kamaraj University and major institutions in the region, is providing financial assistance of Rs. 2 crore and 25 lakh for research projects that promote innovative research and new product development. As the first instalment, cheques worth Rs. 75 lakh were distributed to the researchers by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu.

Memorandums of Understanding in the food processing sector

To improve the livelihood of farmers and introduce agricultural and food processing technologies, the Tamil Nadu Agri Export and Food Processing Enterprise (TNAPEX) signed Memorandums of Understanding, in the presence of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, with nine major national institutions functioning under the Indian Council of Agricultural Research and the Central Food Technological Research Institute functioning at Mysore.

Distribution of appointment orders

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu distributed appointment orders to candidates selected for various positions in five industrial establishments.

On the Pongal festival of Tamils, Rs. 3,000 for all rice ration card holders along with Pongal gift hampers

With a view to enabling all people to celebrate the auspicious Tamil festival of Thai Pongal in a special manner, the Government of Tamil Nadu has announced that Pongal gift hampers consisting of one kilogram of raw rice, one kilogram of sugar, and one full-length sugarcane will be provided to all rice family card holders and families residing in Sri Lankan Tamil rehabilitation camps, totally numbering 2,22,91,710. In addition, for the celebration of Pongal festival, a cash gift of Rs.3,000/- will also be provided to all rice family card holders and families residing in Sri Lankan Tamil rehabilitation camps, announced the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu.

In addition, in order to implement the scheme for distribution of dhotis and sarees on the occasion of the Pongal festival, financial allocation has been made by the Government of Tamil Nadu for the distribution of 1 crore 77 lakh 64 thousand sarees and 1 crore 77 lakh 22 thousand dhotis. Through this scheme, while the members of the public benefit, employment opportunities are provided to those engaged in handloom and powerloom industries.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K. Stalin** inaugurated the distribution of the Pongal gift hampers - 08.01.2026.

Accordingly, as a mark of commencing the distribution of Pongal gifts consisting of one kilogram of raw rice, one kilogram of sugar, a full sugarcane and Rs.3,000/- in cash, the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K.Stalin 08.01.2026 at a fair price shop on Bhuttroad, Chennai, distributed Pongal gift hampers and dhotis and sarees to rice family card holders and inaugurated the scheme.

Through this scheme, all rice family card holders across Tamil Nadu and families residing in Sri Lankan Tamil rehabilitation camps will benefit. The Pongal gift hamper, cash gift, and dhotis and sarees are being provided at a total cost of Rs.7,604.29 crore.

Hon'ble Chief Minister dedicates 'Veeramangai Velu Nachiyar Flyover' for public use

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K.Stalin inaugurated the four-lane road junction flyover- 07.12.2025.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K.Stalin, on 07.12.2025, inaugurated the four-lane road junction flyover constructed at a cost of Rs.150 crore at the Melamadai junction area on Sivagangai Road in Madurai District, after naming it as 'Veeramangai Velu Nachiyar Flyover'.

The Madurai–Thondi Road (SH 33) is one of the important State Highways in Madurai District. As this road is used to travel from Madurai city to Sivagangai and also to access the Madurai Ring Road, heavy traffic congestion occurs at the Melamadai junction.

To resolve traffic congestion within Madurai city, the Hon'ble Chief Minister had announced at a Government function held in Madurai on 21.01.2022 that road flyovers and elevated flyovers would be constructed at various locations.

Accordingly, for the construction of a road flyover at the Melamadai junction on the Madurai–Thondi Road, and for widening the areas and creating roundabout junctions by removing traffic signals at the highly congested District Collector Office junction, Aavin junction, and Melamadai junction, construction works estimated at Rs.150.28 crore were inaugurated with the foundation stone laid by the Hon'ble Chief Minister on 30.10.2023.

Following this, a four-lane road flyover 950 metres long was constructed at the Melamadai junction in Madurai District. Road junction improvements with roundabouts were carried out at three junctions, namely Melamadai junction, Aavin junction, and District Collector Office junction. On both sides of the flyover, two-lane service roads with a width of 7.50 metres each were provided. Four-lane roads with a width of 7.5 metres each were constructed from the District Collector Office junction up to the flyover. The project also includes improvements to three junctions, signal-free travel at junctions, uninterrupted free left turns, separate facilities for bus stops, and various other amenities. The Hon'ble Chief Minister had announced that this flyover would be named "Veeramangai Velu Nachiyar Flyover". Accordingly, the Hon'ble Chief Minister inaugurated the Veeramangai Velu Nachiyar Flyover for public use.

Through this project, traffic congestion on Sivagangai Road from Goripalayam to the Ring Road will be reduced, and travel time will come down from 15 minutes to 5 minutes.

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Review Meeting for Regional Joint Directors of the Information and Public Relations Department

On 11.12.2025, a review meeting for the Regional Joint Directors of the Information and Public Relations Department was held at the State Press Conference Hall located in the Kalaivanar Arangam complex, Chennai, under the chairmanship of the Hon'ble Minister for Tamil Development, Information & Publicity, Thiru. M. P. Saminathan. The meeting was attended by the Secretary to Government, Tamil Development and Information Department, Thiru. V. Rajaraman, I.A.S, the Additional Director (Information), Information and Public Relations Department, Thiru. S. Selvaraj, the Additional Director (Public Relations), Dr. R. Baskaran and senior officials.

Netaji - Supreme Leader of the INA

On February 8, 1943, Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose departed from Germany and reached Tokyo on June 13, 1943. The Prime Minister of Japan announced in the Japanese Parliament that once England was defeated, Japan would grant freedom to India. As soon as Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose arrived in Singapore, Rash Behari Bose handed over all responsibilities to him. In the presence of 5,000 Indians, he assumed the supreme leadership of the Indian National Army. It was at that time that he was conferred the title 'Netaji'. The following day, after inspecting the Indian National Army, Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose gave the clarion call 'Delhi Chalo'. On July 6, accepting the invitation extended by Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose to review the parade of the Indian National Army, Japanese Prime Minister Tojo arrived and witnessed the parade.

On October 21, 1943, Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose formed the Provisional Government of Free India and became its Prime Minister. On November 6, 1943, Japanese Prime Minister Tojo announced that the Andaman and Nicobar Islands would be handed over to the Government of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose. Thus, Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose won the first territory of Free India.

From February 4, 1944, the first column of troops set out from Rangoon and reached a place called Kyauktaw on the banks of the Kaladan River. Here, they defeated the renowned Negro soldiers belonging to the British Army. Following this, from a distance of about 40 miles from Paletwa and Tiddim, they sighted the Indian border. From a place called Mowdok, they drove out the British forces overnight.

The British fled in panic, abandoning large quantities of weapons and food supplies they had stockpiled. Amidst jubilant celebrations, the Indian National Army stepped onto Indian soil. The soldiers joyfully kissed the ground, hoisted the Indian national flag, and sang the national anthem with deep emotion.

– Tamilarasu

Hon'ble Chief Minister distributes welfare assistance and awards to differently-abled persons

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K.Stalin**, provided welfare assistance to beneficiaries and presented awards on 03.12.2025.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru.M.K. Stalin, on 03.12.2025, at Valluvar Kottam, Chennai on the occasion of the International Day for Persons with Disablities, at the Empowerment Orientation Programme for Differently-abled persons in Local Bodies, provided welfare assistance to beneficiaries and presented awards to those who had rendered outstanding service for their welfare. On this occasion, the Hon'ble Chief Minister distributed retro-fitted petrol scooters, battery-operated wheelchairs, and battery-operated devices that can be used both as wheelchairs and three-wheeler vehicles to 400 differently-abled persons.

He also honoured teachers, social workers, and voluntary organisations who had rendered exemplary service for the welfare of differently-abled persons by presenting awards. In addition, trophies and prizes were given to differently-abled persons who won in sports and drawing competitions.

For safeguarding the welfare of differently-abled persons, Muthamizharignar Kalaignar created a separate Department for the welfare of differently-abled persons, the first of its kind in India. He also introduced the respectful term Differently Abled Persons.

Following Kalaignar's path, the Government led by the Hon'ble Chief Minister

Thiru. M.K.Stalin has implemented several schemes, including, Increasing the monthly maintenance allowance for severely affected differently-abled persons to Rs.2,000; Doubling educational scholarships for students with disabilities studying in schools and colleges; Providing modern assistive devices; Offering free travel in Government city buses and 75% travel concession in inter-District Government buses, either alone or with an escort. These schemes aim to ensure that differently-abled persons live with self-respect and equal rights in society.

The following welfare assistance was provided to differently-abled persons at today's function held at Valluvar Kottam by the Department for the Welfare of Differently-abled persons as part of the International Day for Differently-abled persons 2025 :

For 400 beneficiaries, petrol scooters with support wheels, battery-operated wheelchairs, and dual-use battery-operated mobility devices worth Rs.4.12 crore were distributed by the Hon'ble Chief Minister.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister also visited a photo exhibition organised by various Persons and schemes implemented through the Tamil Nadu RIGHTS Project, Special Centres for the Differently-Abled, Tamil Nadu Sports Development Authority, Local Bodies and Rural Development Department, and Tamil Nadu Skill Development Corporation.

Awards were presented to employees and self-employed persons with physical, hearing, visual, intellectual disabilities and bleeding disorders, Teachers educating persons with visual, hearing, and intellectual disabilities; Teachers at early intervention centres; Best social workers; Best voluntary organisations serving differently-abled persons; Organisations employing differently-abled persons in large numbers; Drivers and conductors who rendered exemplary service to differently-abled persons.

Trophies and prizes were awarded to South Chennai District, which secured first place in state-level sports competitions for differently-abled persons; 12 winners of drawing competitions for differently-abled persons, who received certificates and cheques.

Empowerment Orientation Programme for Differently-abled persons in Local Bodies

On 16.04.2025, the Hon'ble Chief Minister

introduced amendment bills in the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly to provide for the nomination of differently-abled persons as members of urban local bodies, without contesting elections.

After the law is passed, about 650 differently-abled persons will be nominated in urban local bodies; 12,913 in village panchayats; 388 in panchayat unions; 37 in District panchayats.

Through these amendments, the voices of differently-abled persons will be heard in local bodies, and they will actively participate in local governance. As a beginning, selected differently-abled persons spoke at the empowerment orientation programme.

Earlier, the Hon'ble Chief Minister viewed a video presentation on various welfare schemes implemented by the Department for the Welfare of the Differently-Abled persons, the Municipal Administration and Water Supply Department, and the Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department.

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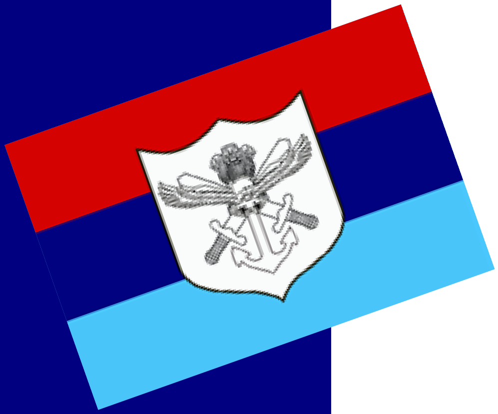
Centenary Commemorative Souvenir of Isaimurasu Nagoor E. M. Hanifa

The Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. Udhayanidhi Stalin**, on 20.12.2025, at the Tamil Nadu Dr. J. Jayalalithaa Fisheries University campus in Nagapattinam District, released the 'Isaimurasu Nagoor E. M. Hanifa Centenary Commemorative Souvenir', prepared by the Information and Public Relations Department, on behalf of Tamilarasu, as part of the centenary celebrations of Nagoor E. M. Hanifa, organized by the Information and Public Relations Department. The event was attended by the Hon'ble Minister for Tamil Development, Information and Publicity, Thiru. M. P. Saminathan; the Hon'ble Minister for School Education, Dr. Anbil Mahesh Poyyamozhi, Member of Parliament Thiru. V. Selvaraj, the Members of the Legislative Assembly, Thiru. J. Mohammed Sha Nawaz and Thiru. V. P. Nagaimaali, the Secretary to Government, Tamil Development and Information Department, Thiru. V. Rajaraman, I.A.S., the District Collector, Thiru. P. Akash, I.A.S., the Chairman of the Tamil Nadu Fisheries Development Corporation, Thiru. N. Gauthaman, the District Revenue Officer, Tmt. V. Bhavanandhi, along with Government officials and the family members of Isaimurasu Nagoor E. M. Hanifa.



‘Our duty is to stand by those who guard our borders’

Social media post of the Hon’ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K.Stalin**, on the occasion of Armed Forces Flag Day - 07.12.2025

On Armed Forces Flag Day, I extend my salutations on behalf of the people of our nation, to the personnel of our three Armed Forces, who selflessly serve to protect the motherland, and to their families.

So ensure that our people live safely and without fear, our soldiers stand guard day and night under the harshest conditions, treating their own lives as insignificant. Their service is unmatched.

Contributing to the Flag Day Fund, which supports the rehabilitation of our brave martyrs and the welfare of their families is the duty of all of us as citizens.

Renovation of Victoria Public Hall at a cost of Rs.32.62 crore

The Hon’ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K.Stalin**, on 23.12.2025, on behalf of the Greater Chennai Corporation, inaugurated the Victoria Public Hall, a cultural landmark of Chennai, which has been renovated at a cost of Rs.32.62 crore while preserving its heritage character.

Welfare assistance worth Rs. 1,400.57 crore provided to 2,66,194 beneficiaries in Tiruvannamalai District

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K.Stalin distributed Government welfare assistance - 27.12.2025

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K.Stalin, on 27.12.2025, at a Government function held on Kalaignar Grounds, Malappambadi, Tiruvannamalai District, inaugurated 314 completed works carried out at a cost of Rs. 631 crore 48 lakh 69 thousand, laid foundation stones for 46 new project works at an estimated cost of Rs. 63 crore 74 thousand, and distributed Government welfare assistance worth Rs. 1,400 crore 57 lakh to 2,66,194 beneficiaries on behalf of various Departments.

Details of completed project works inaugurated in Tiruvannamalai District:

On behalf of the Revenue and Disaster Management Department, in Tiruvannamalai town, a Public Grievance Redressal Centre and other office buildings constructed in the District Integrated Office Complex, at a cost of Rs. 12 crore 17 lakh 95 thousand;

On behalf of the Municipal Administration and Water Supply Department, in Tiruvannamalai town, a new bus stand constructed at a cost of Rs. 30 crore 15 lakh and a new vegetable, flower and fruit market complex constructed at

a cost of Rs. 32 crore 16 lakh; drinking water improvement works worth Rs. 55 crore 49 lakh; an additional building at Anna Nagar Health Centre at a cost of Rs. 60 lakh and a sub-health centre building at a cost of Rs. 30 lakh;

At Thiruvathipuram Municipality - Cheyyar Government Headquarters Hospital, an additional medical building constructed at a cost of Rs. 5 crore; a new commercial complex building constructed at a cost of Rs. 1 crore 37 lakh in front of Thiruvathipuram Municipal Office; a new commercial complex building at Polur Town Panchayat at an estimated cost of Rs. 4 crore 3 lakh; an Urban Sub Health Centre building at Arani Municipality Ward No. 7 at a cost of Rs. 30 lakh; a new building for Chettupattu Special Grade Town Panchayat Office at a cost of Rs. 1 crore 37 lakh; a new community hall at Kalambur Town Panchayat at a cost of Rs. 98 lakh;

On behalf of the Home, Prohibition and Excise Department, in Tiruvannamalai town, a new Temple Police Station constructed at a cost of Rs. 2 crore 83 lakh;

On behalf of the Overseas Tamils Welfare and Rehabilitation Department, at Kasthambadi in Polur Panchayat Union, 280 new houses for Sri Lankan Tamils constructed at a cost of Rs. 22 crore 62 lakh 97 thousand, along with basic facilities such as roads, drinking water facilities, street lights and drainage works in the residential area;

On behalf of the Higher Education Department, in Tiruvannamalai town, 12 classroom buildings and 4 laboratories constructed at Kalaignar Karunanidhi Government Arts College at a cost of Rs. 7 crore;

On behalf of the Commercial Taxes and Registration Department, in Tiruvannamalai town, a Joint Sub-Registrar Office building constructed at a cost of Rs. 1 crore 87 lakh 64 thousand;

On behalf of the Housing and Urban Development Department, in Tiruvannamalai town, a Town and Country Planning Office building constructed at a cost of Rs. 2 crore 99 lakh;

On behalf of the School Education Department, in Tiruvannamalai town, a newly constructed Government Model School building and boys and girls hostels at a cost of Rs. 56 crore 47 lakh 20 thousand; newly constructed classroom buildings and toilets at Government Higher Secondary and High Schools at Polur, Vadamathimangalam, Vadailuppai, Thachur, Naraiyur, Mamandur, Ilangadu, Velunganandal, and at Arasuveli Government Tribal Residential Higher Secondary School at a cost of Rs. 22 crore 73 lakh 95 thousand; new branch library buildings at Kannamangalam, Madam and Anaibogi at a cost of Rs. 66 lakh, and new rural library buildings;

On behalf of the Health and Family Welfare Department, at Chengam Government Hospital, an Accident and Emergency Care Centre building constructed at a cost of Rs. 3 crore 50 lakh; Social Welfare Maternity and Child Emergency Care Centres constructed at Thandarampattu and Vembakkam Government Hospitals at a cost of Rs. 10 crore; a Siddha wing building constructed at Kalambur Primary Health Centre at a cost of Rs. 15 lakh;

On behalf of the Environment, Climate Change and Forest Department, at Jamunamathur, a check dam constructed at a cost of Rs. 6 lakh 98 thousand;

On behalf of the Highways and Minor Ports Department, widening of roads from two lanes to four lanes, construction of centre medians, minor bridges, improved road junctions, bus shelters, paver blocks and other works on Tiruvannamalai-Arur Road, Arcot-Tindivanam Road and Kancheepuram-Thiruvathipuram Road at a cost of Rs. 161 crore 90 lakh; high-level bridges constructed at Maruthadu–Veppangaranai Road in Vandavasi Taluk and N.C. Veeralur Road in Kalasapakkam Taluk at a cost of Rs. 14 crore 68 lakh 93 thousand;

On behalf of the Water Resources Department, construction of check dams at Kamakkur Panchayat - Kamandalai Nagathi, Padiagraharam Panchayat - Cheyyar, Chengam Town - Cheyyar, Melkodungalur Panchayat - Suganathi, Reddiyar Palayam - Pampanaru, Thozhupedu - Cheyyar, Ammapalayam Panchayat - Nagathi at a cost of Rs. 35 crore 1 lakh 82 thousand; staff quarters and an overhead water tank at Sathanur Dam in Reddiyar Palayam Panchayat, Thandarampattu Taluk at a cost of Rs. 15 crore 5 lakh 93 thousand;

On behalf of the Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Department, at Athiyandhal Panchayat, a Biological Control Laboratory constructed at a cost of Rs. 1 crore 50 lakh;

On behalf of the Social Welfare and Women Empowerment Department, at Government Higher Secondary Schools, Government High Schools and Panchayat Union Primary Schools located at Paraiyampattu, Pudur Chengam, Melpadur, Melpunjai, Kottakulam, Chennasamuthiram, Paramanandhal, Uchchimalai Kuppam, Palaiyakuyilam, K.K. Nagar, Chettithangal, Melravandavadi, Chengam and Thenmagadeva Mangalam, kitchen buildings with store rooms constructed at a cost of Rs. 1 crore 17 lakh;

On behalf of the Tamil Nadu Rural Livelihoods Mission / Magalir Thittam, at the Girivalam Path in Tiruvannamalai, a Mathi tourism market building constructed at a cost of Rs. 10 lakh;

On behalf of the Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department, at various locations in Tiruvannamalai District, 243 completed

works including Primary Health Centres, Sub Health Centres, Panchayat Office buildings, Public Distribution System shops, agricultural produce storage buildings, fair price shop buildings, modern gas crematorium platforms, tar roads, passenger shelters, high-level bridges, improved roads and village activity buildings, carried out at a cost of Rs. 127 crore 20 lakh 32 thousand.

Totally, the Hon'ble Chief Minister inaugurated 314 completed project works carried out at a cost of Rs. 631 crore 48 lakh 69 thousand.

Details of works for which foundation stones were laid in Tiruvannamalai District:

On behalf of the Labour Welfare and Skill Development Department, construction of Chengam Government Industrial Training Institute buildings, at an estimated cost of Rs. 9 crore 51 lakh 50 thousand;

On behalf of the Environment, Climate Change and Forest Department, construction of Forest Guard quarters at Seeranpalayam at an estimated cost of Rs. 15 lakh 11 thousand;

On behalf of the Cooperation, Food and Consumer Protection Department, construction of a new covered paddy storage godown at Vembakkam at an estimated cost of Rs. 3 crore 90 lakh;

On behalf of the Overseas Tamils Welfare and Rehabilitation Department, various works including new roads, drinking water facilities, street lights and drainage works in Sri Lankan Tamil residential areas at Samuthiram, Kanandampoondi and Sengattanakundil at an estimated cost of Rs. 14 crore 85 lakh 63 thousand, and permanent new houses for Sri Lankan Tamils of Velapadi, Hosur and Elathur;

On behalf of the Welfare of the Differently Abled Persons Department, construction of One-Stop Service Centre buildings at Navalpakkam, Aakkur, Vazhudhur, Thachur, S.V. Nagar, Kombanandhal, Chengam Mel Pallipattu, Se. Gudalur and Keezhpennathur at an estimated cost of Rs. 1 crore 20 lakh 66 thousand;

On behalf of the Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department, at various locations in Tiruvannamalai District, construction of a modern multi-purpose hall at Meyyur Panchayat, high-level bridges at Karapattu-Mattavettu, Japthikariyanthal-Alliyandhal, Kanamalai-Kamandala River and Thanjamparai-Irulampaarai, and new overhead water tanks at Melravandavadi, Manmalai, Melpalur, Kattumalaiyanur, Pudupalayam, Kalpattu, Thamaraipakkam, Kanchi, Malaimanjanur, Inamkariyandhal, Naidumangalam, Andampallam, 12 Pudur, Ariyappadi, Poosimalaikuppam, Othalavadi, Kazhanipakkam, Kunnagampoondi, Koothampattu, Veliyambakkam, Natteri and 5 Pudur, at an estimated cost of Rs. 33 crore 37 lakh 84 thousand.

Thus, in total, the Hon'ble Chief Minister today laid foundation stones for 46 new project works at an estimated cost of Rs. 63 crore 74 thousand.

Details of Government welfare assistance provided to beneficiaries in Tiruvannamalai District:

On behalf of the Revenue and Disaster Management Department, special house site pattas, house site pattas, sub-division changes and full patta transfers were provided to 36,640 beneficiaries; tribal community certificates, small and marginal farmer certificates, first graduate certificates, destitute widow certificates, accident relief assistance, Chief Minister's Public Relief Fund assistance, Chief Minister's Farmers' Protection Scheme old age assistance, assistance for differently abled persons, widow assistance, assistance for deserted women, National Indira Gandhi old age and widow assistance, and assistance for marriage, natural death, education and temporary disability under the Chief Minister's Farmers' Protection Scheme were provided to 3,485 beneficiaries;

On behalf of the Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department, individual houses under Kalaignarin Kanavu illam Scheme, houses under the Chief Minister's House Reconstruction Scheme, houses under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Rural), individual houses for tribals, individual household toilets under the Swachh

Bharat Mission, job cards under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme were provided to 4,467 beneficiaries, and micro-credit assistance was provided to women self-help groups for 600 beneficiaries under the Vazhndhu Kattuvom Scheme;

On behalf of the Tamil Nadu State Rural / Urban Livelihoods Mission – Magalir Thittam, bank credit linkage for women self-help group members, assistance to the most vulnerable families identified under the Thayumanavar Scheme, vulnerability reduction fund for the destitute, community investment fund for women self-help group members and identity cards were provided to 1,27,582 beneficiaries;

On behalf of the Department for the Welfare of the Differently Abled Persons, retrofitted petrol scooters, Prosthetic leg, retrofitted petrol scooters with attachments for persons with spinal disabilities, accident relief, education assistance, bank loan subsidy, hearing aids, wheelchairs, monthly maintenance allowance, battery-operated wheelchairs, tricycles, assistance for natural death and funeral expenses, and smartphones were provided to 729 beneficiaries;

On behalf of the Cooperation, Food and Consumer Protection Department, new electronic family cards were issued to 1,539 beneficiaries, and crop loans, livestock development capital loans, medium-term loans, housing loans, women self-help group loans, women entrepreneur loans, loans for differently abled persons, petty trade loans, micro and small entrepreneur loans, grain pledge loans, TAHDCO loans, TAMCO loans, loans for destitute widows, folk artist loans, education loans, Kalaignarin Kanavu illam loans and loans for value-added agricultural products were provided to 23,729 beneficiaries;

On behalf of the Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare Department, free milch cows for tribals and welfare board identity cards, free sewing machines, free washing boxes, subsidised loans under the Chief Minister's Adi Dravidar and Tribal Socio-Economic Development Scheme,

Nannilam Women Land Ownership Scheme, Tamil Nadu Sanitary Workers Welfare Board identity cards, and assistance for education, marriage and natural death were provided to 13,069 beneficiaries;

On behalf of the Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Minorities Welfare Department, free washing boxes, LPG washing boxes, sewing machines, TAMCO loan assistance and bicycles for school students were provided to 14,453 beneficiaries;

On behalf of the Industries, Investment Promotion and Commerce Department, subsidised loan assistance under the Annal Ambedkar Business Champions Scheme, Kalaignar Kaivinai Thittam, New Entrepreneur and Enterprise Development Scheme, and Employment Generation Scheme for educated unemployed youth were provided to 170 beneficiaries;

On behalf of the Municipal Administration and Water Supply Department, under the Ungaludan Stalin Scheme, birth and death certificates, building permits, new water connections, professional tax name transfer services and identity cards for street vendors were provided to 849 beneficiaries.

On behalf of the Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Department, assistance such as supply of seeds, agricultural inputs, integrated farming, pulse demonstrations, distribution of pulse seeds, bush clearing, mechanised paddy transplantation, maize demonstrations, distribution of paddy seeds and groundnut demonstrations for 5,010 beneficiaries;

On behalf of the Horticulture and Plantation Crops Department, assistance under the Micro Irrigation Scheme, distribution of kits for establishing kitchen gardens for farmers, individual water harvesting structures, National Horticulture Mission, Rainfed Area Development Programme, National Mission on Sustainable Agriculture, and the Kalpandal Scheme for 2,400 beneficiaries;

On behalf of the Agricultural Marketing and Agri Business Department, subsidised loan assistance for establishing agricultural input shops under the Chief Minister's Farmers Welfare Service Centre Scheme, subsidised loan assistance for establishing 100 value addition centres and primary processing units, and Uzhavar Sandhai identity cards were provided to 123 beneficiaries;

On behalf of the Agricultural Engineering Department, various assistance including 100 percent subsidised borewells, subsidised agricultural machinery and implements, farm pond construction, solar-powered electric motors, mechanisation from sowing to harvesting, open well renovation, electric motors, solar tunnel dryers and post-harvest technologies were provided to 459 beneficiaries;

On behalf of the Handlooms, Handicrafts, Textiles and Khadi Department, assistance such as mulberry plantation subsidy, silkworm rearing shed subsidy and Weaver Mudra loans were provided to 46 beneficiaries;

On behalf of the Animal Husbandry, Dairying, Fisheries and Fishermen Welfare Department, assistance was provided to 10,371 beneficiaries including 50 percent subsidised nutritional feed for pregnant milch animals of rural poor livestock farmers in Jawadhu Hills and Kalasapakkam Blocks under the Chief Minister's Thayumanavar Scheme, supply of electric fodder choppers and native poultry units with 250 chickens per unit at 50 percent subsidy, subsidy for purchase of fishing nets, micro-credit to fisher-women self-help groups under joint liability model of Alaigal Scheme, small-scale dairy units, livestock insurance, and training to society secretaries under the Chief Minister's Vetri Nichayam Scheme;

On behalf of the Social Welfare and Women Empowerment Department, assistance under the Chief Minister's Girl Children Protection Scheme, Dr. Muthulakshmi Reddy Memorial Inter-Caste Marriage Assistance Scheme, E.V.R. Maniammaiyar Memorial Marriage Assistance Scheme for Daughter's of Poor Widows, Annai Teresa Memorial Marriage Assistance Scheme for Orphan Girls was provided to 705 beneficiaries;

On behalf of the Health and Family Welfare Department, assistance under the Dr. Muthulakshmi Reddy Maternity Benefit Scheme, Dr. Muthulakshmi Reddy Mother and Child Health Kit Scheme, Kalaignar Kaappom Kannoli Scheme, and Chief Minister's Comprehensive Health Insurance cards was provided to 8,877 beneficiaries.

On behalf of the School Education Department, fixed deposits for children who have lost their parents and assistive devices for differently abled school children were provided to 306 beneficiaries; on behalf of the Finance Department – Banks, education loan assistance was provided to 31 beneficiaries;

On behalf of the Labour Welfare and Skill Development Department, accident relief assistance, pensions for construction and unorganised workers, welfare board registration cards, education assistance, natural death relief assistance, Tamil Nadu Auto Drivers Welfare Board education assistance, unemployment assistance scheme for unemployed youth, and short-term skill training for unemployed youth under the Vetri Nichayam Scheme were provided to 8,384 beneficiaries;

On behalf of the Environment, Climate Change and Forest Department, microcredit to members of Tribal Eco-Development Committees, construction of farm ponds, formation of contour bunds in agricultural lands, desilting of check dams for soil conservation in hill tribe lands, farm ponds for tribals, and well desilting were provided as various assistance to 220 beneficiaries;

On behalf of the Home, Prohibition and Excise Department, rehabilitation financial assistance was provided to 31 reformed prohibition offenders;

On behalf of the Energy Department, subsidy for installation of solar power systems and free electricity connections for farmers were provided to 1,475 beneficiaries;

On behalf of the Public Department Ex-Servicemen Welfare Department, assistance for marriage, education, natural death, spectacles and monthly financial assistance for ex-servicemen were provided to 405 beneficiaries;

Thus, on behalf of various Departments, the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu distributed welfare assistance worth a total of Rs. 1,400 crore 57 lakh 10 thousand to 2,66,194 beneficiaries.

Foundation Stone laid for construction of Tamil Nadu Haj House at a cost of Rs.39.20 crore

The Hon'able Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K.Stalin, at a function held in Chennai on 16.12.2025 by the Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Minorities Welfare Department, laid the foundation stone for the construction of the "Tamil Nadu Haj House", which will be built on one acre of land near the Chennai Anna International Airport at a cost of Rs. 39.20 crore, for the benefit of Muslims undertaking the holy Haj pilgrimage.

Tamil Nadu Haj House

In this context, the Hon'ble Chief Minister announced at the Nagapattinam District Government function held on 03.03.2025 that a Tamil Nadu Haj House would be constructed near the Chennai airport for Muslims undertaking the Haj pilgrimage.

In accordance with this announcement, to enable Haj pilgrims to complete travel formalities with the Tamil Nadu State Haj Committee a day before departure and proceed conveniently to the airport, the Hon'ble Chief Minister laid the foundation stone for the construction of the Tamil Nadu Haj House near the Chennai Anna International Airport on one acre of land at a cost of Rs. 39.20 crore.

The new Tamil Nadu Haj House will be constructed with a basement and four floors. The basement will have parking facilities; the ground floor will house the Haj office, reception area, conference hall, and rooms for safeguarding pilgrims' luggage; and from the first to the fourth floors, there will be a total of 100 dormitory-style rooms to accommodate about 400 Haj pilgrims, along with various other facilities.

2,559 completed projects inaugurated, foundation stone for 62 new projects

Hon'ble Chief Minister provides welfare assistance to 2,16,056 beneficiaries in Kallakurichi District

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K.Stalin** inaugurated completed projects and distributed Government welfare assistance - 26.12.2025.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K.Stalin, on 26.12.2025, inaugurated the new Collectorate building in Kallakurichi District, constructed at a cost of Rs. 139.41 crore, and 2,559 completed works, worth Rs. 202.36 crore, at a Government function held in Veeracholapuram, Kallakurichi District. He also laid the foundation stone for 62 new projects, worth Rs. 386.48 crore and distributed Government welfare assistance worth Rs. 1,045 crore, to 2,16,056 beneficiaries through various Departments.

Details of the completed projects inaugurated in Kallakurichi District:

New Collectorate Building:

The Hon'ble Chief Minister inaugurated, on behalf of the Department of Revenue and Disaster Management, the new Collectorate building, in Kallakurichi District constructed at a cost of Rs. 139.41 crore on an area of 39.81 acres in Veeracholapuram, in Kallakurichi District.

This Collectorate building has been constructed on a total area of 2,85,111 sq.feet with a ground floor and eight upper floors. The ground floor houses the District Treasury Office, Public Relations Office, Office for Differently-abled persons, Bank, Post Office, ATM, meeting hall, pharmacy, and record room;

The first floor houses the offices of the Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Marketing and Agri-Business Department, Agricultural Engineering Department, Animal Husbandry Department, Department of Economics and Statistics, and a meeting hall;

The second floor houses the offices of the District Rural Development Agency and the Fisheries Department and a meeting hall;

On the third floor are the District Collector's office, District Revenue Office, Revenue Division, consultation hall and audio-visual hall; on the fourth floor are the offices of the Registration Department, Geology

and Mining Department, Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Department, Co-operative Department, Land Survey and Land Records Department and a bank;

On the fifth floor are the offices of the Joint Director of Health Services, Chief Education Office, Chief Project Office, District Education Office (Higher Secondary), District Education Office (Middle School), Food Safety Department, and a conference hall;

On the sixth floor are the offices of the Tamil Nadu State Rural Livelihood Mission, Assistant Commissioner of Labour, Tamil Nadu Water Supply and Drainage Board, Tamil Nadu Civil Supplies Corporation, District Supply Office, Water Resources Department, Assistant Executive Engineer's office and the District Manager of the Tamil Nadu Marketing Corporation;

On the seventh floor are the offices of the Social Welfare Department, Integrated Child Development Services, District Manager - Adi Dravidar Housing and Development Corporation, Assistant Manager - Backward Classes and Scheduled Tribes, Integrated Command and Control Centre, and the Directorate of Town and Country Planning;and on the eighth floor is the elevator room.

Furthermore, it has been constructed with various facilities, including parking for four-wheelers and two-wheelers, rainwater harvesting and sewage drainage facilities, ramps for differently-abled persons, purified drinking water and toilet facilities and fire fighting facilities.

On behalf of the Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department, 2,525 completed projects at a cost of Rs. 100.80 crore, in various parts of Kallakurichi District, including houses under Kalaignarin Kanavu Illam Scheme, houses under the Chief Minister's Housing Reconstruction Scheme, houses under the Prime Minister's Housing Scheme, Panchayat council offices, overhead water tanks, Anganwadi buildings, additional classroom buildings in Panchayat Union middle schools, computer laboratories, Panchayat secretariat buildings, new houses in rehabilitation camps for Sri Lankan Tamils, houses under the Prime Minister's Housing Scheme, passenger shelters, and fair price shops;

On behalf of the School Education Department, the Government model school building, constructed at Nagalur at a cost of Rs. 56 crore, 47 lakh, and 60 thousand and the boys and girls hostel buildings of the Nagalur Government Model School;

Additional classroom buildings, at a cost of Rs. 25 crore, 11 lakh, and 64 thousand at Ulundurpet Government Model Higher Secondary School, Thirukovilur Government Girls Higher Secondary School, Government Boys Higher Secondary Schools in Kallakurichi and Thiagadurgam, Manalurpet Government Boys Higher Secondary School, Government Higher Secondary Schools in Rishivandiyam, Nagalur, Pudupattu, Moongilthuraipattu, Ariyalur, Kachirayapalayam, Sendanadu, Thirupalapandal, and Palayanur, and Emapper Government High School;

On behalf of the Department of Health and Family Welfare, the Kallakurichi Government Medical College and Hospital, open wells, water pipes, a 30,000-litre ground water tank, electric motors, water pipes and electric motor rooms, all constructed at a cost of Rs. 6 crore 62 lakh; primary health centres constructed at various places in the Municipalities and Town of Kallakurichi, Thirukovilur, Manalurpet, and Vadakkanandal, and the Panchayat Unions of Kalvarayanmalai, Chinna Salem, and Sankarapuram at a cost of Rs. 7 crore 19 lakh 34 thousand.

On behalf of the Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, a 250 metric tonne seed storage warehouse with a seed processing machinery facility with a capacity of 2 metric tonnes/hour was constructed at Kallakurichi at a cost of Rs. 1 crore 95 lakh, and an Integrated Agricultural Extension Centre was constructed at Kallakurichi at a cost of Rs. 3 crore.

On behalf of the Municipal Administration and Water Supply Department, a new municipal office building was constructed in Sankarapuram at a cost of Rs. 1 crore 20 lakh;

Totally, the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu inaugurated 2,559 completed projects costing a total of Rs. 341 crore, 77 lakh and 43 thousand.

Details of the projects for which the foundation stone was laid in Kallakurichi District:

On behalf of the Municipal Administration and Water Supply Department, various works are being implemented in the Kallakurichi municipal area at an estimated cost of Rs. 167 crore, 16 lakh and 62 thousand, including the implementation of an underground drainage system, establishment of a sewage treatment

plant, maintenance of underground drainage collection pipes and manholes, and operation and maintenance of the sewage treatment plant; a new bus stand in Ulundurpettai Municipality at an estimated cost of Rs. 16 crore and 85 lakh, and water supply development works at an estimated cost of Rs. 30 crore and 25 lakh.

On behalf of the Highways and Minor Ports Department, road development works from Vellimalai to Chinnathirupathi in Kalvarayanmalai circle at a cost of Rs. 98.50 crore;

On behalf of the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Department, a building for M/s. Prithvi Innerwears Pvt. Ltd., a ready-made garment manufacturing company, at the Kattuvannanjur SIDCO industrial estate complex at a cost of Rs. 50 crore;

On behalf of the Department of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj, a new residential complex and camp office building for the Joint Director/Project Director at Veeracholapuram Panchayat at a cost of Rs. 2 crore, a new bus stand at Vanapuram Panchayat, Pagandai at a cost of Rs. 2.20 crore, fecal sludge management treatment plants at Nainarpalayam and Porasapattu Panchayats at a cost of Rs. 6 crore, overhead water tanks at Poondi, Nallathur, Ariyaperumanur, Somandarkudi, Pakkam, Ariyalur, Soraiyapattu, Karadi, Sangiyam, Sirulapattu, Pandur, E. Sathanur, and Pali Panchayats at a cost of Rs. 2,56,23,000, classroom buildings and computer lab buildings at Panchayat Union Middle Schools in Porpadakkurichi, Sirumangalam, Periyakolliyur, Ariyanthakka, Melvizhi, Pallakacheri, Nedumudaiyan, and Vadamaruthur at a cost of Rs. 3,19,31,000, two food grain warehouses at various locations in Kallakurichi and Ulundurpettai Panchayat Unions at a cost of Rs. 73,30,000, Anganwadi buildings in Thirukovilur Panchayat Union at a cost of Rs. 33,55,000, two small bridges

in Kalvarayanmalai Panchayat Union at a cost of Rs. 60 lakhs, 10 kitchens at a cost of Rs. 87,65,000, and three food grain warehouses in Thirunavalur Panchayat Union at a cost of Rs. 30,45,000;

On behalf of TAHDCO, village knowledge centers at Arasampattu, Pidagam, Kosappadi and Eduthavainatham at a cost of Rs. 4,23,08,000;

On behalf of the School Education Department, a new branch library building at a cost of Rs. 68 lakh in Pagandai, Vanapuram circle;

In total, the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu laid the foundation stone for 62 new project works, worth Rs. 386 crore, 48 lakh and 19 thousand.

Details of Government welfare assistance provided to beneficiaries in Kallakurichi District:

On behalf of the Revenue and Disaster Management Department, various assistances were provided to 20,043 beneficiaries, including urban housing plot pattas, house site pattas, Adi Dravidar welfare pattas, sub-division patta transfers for petitions received at the Ungaludan Stalin camp, Chief Minister's Accident Relief Fund, Chief Minister's Farmers Protection Scheme natural death assistance, educational assistance, marriage assistance, and accident assistance;

On behalf of the Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department, various assistances provided to 41,620 beneficiaries, including houses under the Kalaignarin Kanavu Illam Thittam, Chief Minister's Housing Reconstruction Scheme and Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana, individual wells under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme, individual household toilets under the Swachh Bharat Mission, and household water connections;

On behalf of the Tamil Nadu State Rural/Urban Livelihoods Movement, assistance was provided to 77,198 beneficiaries under schemes such as bank loans for self-help groups, revolving fund for women's groups, community investment fund, Amudha Surabhi fund, block business resource centre, vulnerability reduction fund, and identity cards for self-help group members;

On behalf of the Department of Cooperation, Food and Consumer Protection, assistance was provided to 26,487 beneficiaries in the form of crop loans, dairy cattle maintenance loans, loans for differently-abled persons, self-help group loans, grain pledge loans, and new electronic family cards;

On behalf of the Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare Department, assistance was provided to 12,369 beneficiaries in the form of individual forest rights certificates, tribal welfare board cards, free sewing machines, ironing boxes, and bicycles for school students;

On behalf of the Department for the Welfare of Differently Abled Persons, various forms of assistance were provided to 3,423 beneficiaries, including funeral and natural death assistance, accident relief, bank loan subsidies, hearing aids, sewing machines, smartphones, dark glasses, walking aids, luminous folding canes, battery-operated wheelchairs, petrol scooters with attached wheels, and artificial limbs;

On behalf of the Department of Health and Family Welfare, assistance was provided to 13,101 beneficiaries in the form of Chief Minister's health insurance cards, Kalaignar Kannoli Kaappom Thittam, and maternity kits for pregnant mothers under the Dr. Muthulakshmi Reddy Maternity Financial Assistance Scheme;

On behalf of TAHDCO, various forms of assistance were provided to 3,036 beneficiaries, including the Chief Minister's Entrepreneurship Scheme for the Socio-Economic Development of Adi Dravidars and Tribals, the Rapid Electricity Connection Scheme, the Nannilam Women's Land Ownership Scheme, educational assistance, Tamil Nadu Sanitation Workers Welfare Board identity cards, natural death assistance, marriage assistance and maternity assistance;

On behalf of the Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Minorities Welfare Department, various assistances such as financial assistance, free sewing machines, LPG iron boxes, and bicycles were provided

to 8,035 beneficiaries through the Christian Women's Aid Association;

On behalf of the Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Department, various assistances such as pesticides for crop protection, millets, tarpaulins, pulse seeds, bush clearing, mechanical paddy transplantation, paddy seeds, and foliar spraying were provided to 1,061 beneficiaries;

On behalf of the Horticulture and Plantation Crops Department, various assistances such as low-cost onion storage facilities, integrated farming, shade net houses, individual water harvesting systems, beehives and honey extraction equipment, permanent vermicompost units, and mobile vegetable carts were provided to 1,000 beneficiaries;

On behalf of the Animal Husbandry, Dairying, Fisheries and Fishermen Welfare Department, various assistances such as poultry farming, white shrimp farming, subsidized grass cutting machines, and country chicken farming were provided to 569 beneficiaries;

On behalf of Aavin, assistance was provided to 4,102 beneficiaries under schemes such as small-scale dairy farming, insurance under the National Livestock Mission scheme, integrated livestock artificial insemination program, buffalo calf rearing program, skill development training under the Naan Mudhalvan scheme, and loan assistance for purchasing milch cows under the Annal Ambedkar Tribal scheme;

On behalf of the Social Welfare and Women Empowerment Department, assistance was provided to 459 beneficiaries under schemes such as monthly maintenance allowance for orphaned children under the Anbu Karangal scheme, Dr. Muthulakshmi Reddy Memorial Inter-caste Marriage Financial Assistance Scheme, and E.V.R. Maniammaiyar

Ninaivu Marriage Assistance Scheme for daughters of poor widows and the Mother Theresa Destitute Women Marriage Financial Assistance Scheme;

On behalf of the Department of Labour Welfare and Skill Development, marriage assistance, educational assistance, and welfare board cards for 1,000 beneficiaries who are construction and unorganized sector workers;

On behalf of the Energy Department and the Tamil Nadu Power Distribution Corporation, electricity connection name changes, new electricity connections, and free electricity connections for farmers, for 893 beneficiaries based on petitions received at the Ungaludan Stalin camp;

On behalf of the Vaazhndhu Kaattuvom scheme, microfinance loan assistance was provided to 205 beneficiaries of women's self-help groups;

On behalf of the Department of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises - District Industries Centre, subsidized loan assistance provided to 277 beneficiaries under schemes such as the Kalaignar Handicrafts Scheme, Employment Generation Scheme for Educated Unemployed Youth, Annal Ambedkar Entrepreneurship Scheme, New Entrepreneurs and Enterprise Development Scheme, and the Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme;

On behalf of the Department of Agricultural Marketing and Agri-Business, subsidized loan assistance for setting up primary processing units and Uzhavar Sandhai identity cards were provided to 12 beneficiaries under the Tamil Nadu Millets Mission;

On behalf of the Department of Agricultural Engineering, assistance was provided to 20 beneficiaries under schemes such as 100% subsidy for borewells for Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe farmers, Kalaignar's All Village Integrated Agricultural Development Scheme, Agricultural Mechanization Sub-Mission Scheme, Chief Minister's Solar Powered Electric Motor Pump Set Scheme, mechanization from sowing to harvesting in crop cultivation, and open well renovation;

On behalf of the School Education Department, fixed deposits provided to 38 beneficiaries for children who have lost their income-earning parents;

On behalf of the District Forest Office, assistance was provided to 902 beneficiaries under the Tamil Nadu Biodiversity Conservation and Greening Project for Climate Change, soil and moisture conservation work, and the Green Tamil Nadu Mission;

On behalf of the Prohibition and Excise Department, rehabilitation financial assistance provided to 37 beneficiaries who are reformed offenders of prohibition crimes;

On behalf of the District Lead Bank, educational loans for college students provided to 164 beneficiaries;

On behalf of the Tamil Nadu Urban Habitat Development Board, allotment orders for multi-storeyed apartments issued to 5 beneficiaries in the U. Keeranur Project Area - II.

Totally, the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu distributed welfare assistance worth a total of Rs. 1045 crore, 41 lakh and 14 thousand to 2,16,056 beneficiaries across various Departments.

Hon'ble Chief Minister flags off shipments of relief materials to cyclone-battered Sri Lanka

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K.Stalin** flagged off relief materials to Sri Lanka for Cyclone Ditwah–affected people - 06.12.2025.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K.Stalin, on 06.12.2025, flagged off a shipment of 950 metric tonnes of relief materials from Chennai and Thoothukudi ports to provide relief for the people of Sri Lanka, who have been severely affected due to Cyclone 'Ditwah'. The relief materials, consisting of 650 metric tonnes from Chennai Port and 300 metric tonnes from Thoothukudi Port, were dispatched to Sri Lanka aboard Indian Navy vessels. During this event, the Hon'ble Chief Minister handed over a sample package of the relief materials being sent from Tamil Nadu to the Deputy High Commissioner of Sri Lanka, Dr. Ganesanathan Geathiswaran.

The relief materials sent to assist the people of Sri Lanka affected by the 'Ditwah' cyclone disaster included 300 metric tonnes of sugar, 300 metric tonnes of lentils, 25 metric tonnes of milk powder, 5000 dhotis, 5,000 sarees, 10,000 towels, 10,000 blankets, and 1000 tarpaulins from Chennai Port, and 150 metric tonnes of sugar and 150 metric tonnes of lentils from Thoothukudi Port.

These efforts were co-ordinated and efficiently carried out by the Department of Non-Resident Tamils' Welfare and Rehabilitation, Tamil Nadu Civil Supplies Corporation, Tamil Nadu Co-operative Milk Producers Federation, Handloom Department, and the Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare.

Twenty luxury multi-axle buses worth Rs. 34.30 crore flagged off for SETC

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, Thiru. M.K.Stalin flagged off state-of-the-art air-conditioned luxury multi-axle buses - 24.12.2025.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, Thiru. M.K.Stalin, on 24.12.2025, flagged off 20 state-of-the-art air-conditioned multi-axle buses worth Rs. 34.30 crore for the State Express Transport Corporation (SETC), at a function organised by the Transport Department at the Island Grounds complex, Chennai. This bus service has been introduced for the first time through the Tamil Nadu Transport Department for the benefit of people from various sections of the State. Further, as part of the Golden Jubilee celebrations of the State Transport Corporations, the Hon'ble Chief Minister inaugurated the distribution of wall clocks worth Rs. 3.33 crore to 1,05,778 employees by presenting wall clocks to 10 employees.

Special features of the 20 state-of-the-art air-conditioned multi-axle buses

The new state-of-the-art air-conditioned multi-axle buses introduced in the State Express Transport Corporation, equipped with modern technology, include the following features:

High-quality and comfortable seating for passengers – A 2×2 seating configuration with a maximum of 51 comfortable seats, wide panoramic windows for enjoying external views, and premium overhead luggage compartments.

UNOMINDA (Harita) VFX09 premium seats – Seats with calf support, dual USB mobile charging ports, newspaper holder, bottle holder, and shoe storage space.

Comfortable and safe driver cabin – Ergonomic control layout suited to human body structure, curved dashboard, air-suspension driver seat, and knee impact protection system.

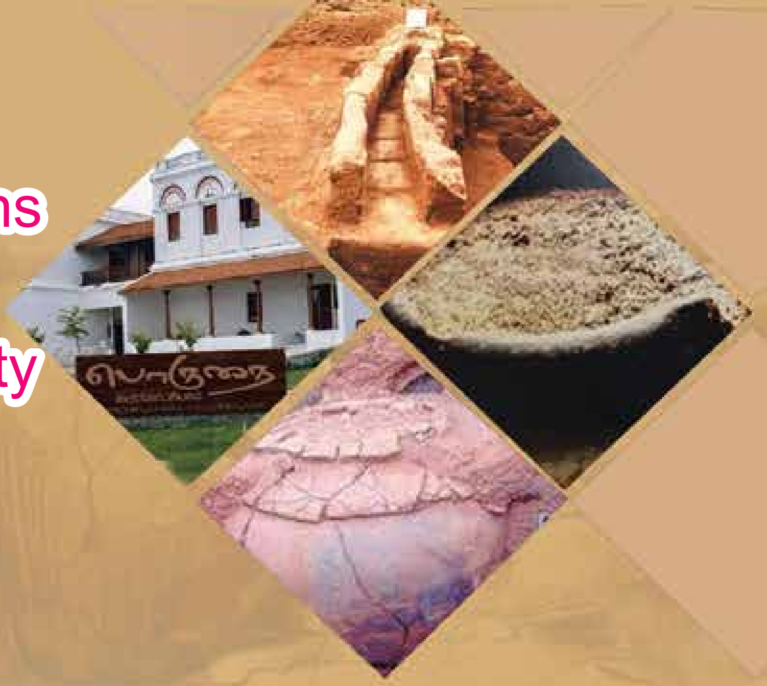
Advanced PX suspension system – Enhanced steering stability, reduced pressure on air springs, shock absorber system, advanced braking and safety systems including EVSC, ESP, and ASR, fire safety systems prioritising passenger safety, wide roof escape hatch for quick evacuation during emergencies, FUP / FIP / SUPD protection systems to reduce impact in frontal, rear, and side collisions, and enhanced rollover and pedestrian safety features.

Full compliance with BS-VI emission norms, reduction of NOx and emissions through EGR + SCR technology with lower carbon emissions, high-strength monocoque / reinforced body structure, anti-corrosion treatment for longer life, emergency exits for passenger evacuation, cameras at the front and rear to prevent accidents, electronic diagnostic control to instantly detect vehicle performance and faults, reverse sensor and camera, and bus tracking system for vehicle monitoring.

Distribution of wall clocks to employees for golden jubilee of STCs

As part of the Golden Jubilee celebrations marking 50 years (1976–2025) since the nationalisation of bus transport through the establishment of State Transport Corporations by the Government of Tamil Nadu, wall clocks worth Rs. 3.33 crore are being distributed to 1,05,778 employees working in the transport corporations. Accordingly, the Hon'ble Chief Minister inaugurated the distribution by presenting wall clocks to 10 transport employees.

Hon’ble Chief Minister opens Porunai Museum that establishes the antiquity of Tamil culture



The Hon’ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K.Stalin** inaugurated the Porunai Museum - 20.12.2025.

The Hon’ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K.Stalin inaugurated the Porunai Museum, established near Tirunelveli over an area of 13 acres with a built-up area of 54,296 square feet. The museum has been set up to enable Tamils across the world, scholars, researchers, students, and the public to view and understand the antiquity of Tamil Nadu through the rare archaeological artefacts discovered in recent scientific excavations carried out by the Tamil Nadu State Department of Archaeology at the archaeological sites of Adichanallur, Sivakalai, Korkai, and Thulukkarpatti located along the Porunai river banks.

Announcement made by the Hon’ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu regarding the establishment of the Porunai Museum in Tirunelveli:

On 09.09.2021, under Rule 110 in the Legislative Assembly, the Hon’ble

Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu announced that the primary responsibility of the Government of Tamil Nadu is to scientifically establish, based on evidence, that the history of the Indian subcontinent must henceforth be written starting from the Tamil land. He further announced that a modern Porunai Museum with advanced facilities would be established in Tirunelveli city to beautifully display the rare artefacts discovered during excavations at Sivakalai, Adichanallur, Korkai, and surrounding regions.

In order to implement this announcement, the Hon'ble Chief Minister laid the foundation stone for the construction of the Porunai Museum on 18.05.2023 through video conferencing.

Inauguration of the Porunai Museum:

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu today inaugurated the Porunai Museum, which has been established with modern facilities to display rare archaeological artefacts discovered at Sivakalai, which proclaimed the antiquity of iron in Tamil Nadu; Adichanallur, regarded as the cradle of Tamil culture; and Korkai, the port city of the Sangam-era Pandyas. These artefacts are displayed based on the theme of the Porunai river valley civilisation using modern scientific technologies. The Hon'ble Chief Minister also visited various sections of the museum, including the introductory building, Sivakalai gallery showcasing the antiquity of iron, burial urn gallery, habitation gallery, and other exhibition areas.

Within the Porunai Museum complex, the introductory hall and the Sivakalai, Adichanallur, and Korkai building blocks have been constructed over an area of 54,296 square feet. Each building block reflects the regional architectural style, with courtyards and verandas, and consists of a ground floor and a first floor. Local art forms are prominently displayed on the facades and interiors of the buildings.

The complex also includes an attractive water body, an open-air theatre for performing arts, sales outlets for archaeological replicas and local handicrafts, battery-operated vehicles, easy-access walkways for visitors, trees and shrubs placed throughout for nature appreciation,

recreational facilities for children, and seating arrangements for rest. These facilities have been thoughtfully designed to allow visitors to experience the antiquity of Tamil Nadu in harmony with science and nature.

Sivakalai:

Excavations conducted at the Sivakalai archaeological site between 2019 and 2022 yielded various types of artefacts, including burial urns, high-quality bronze vessels, iron tools, offering vessels, multi-coloured pottery, pottery sherds with symbols, and potsherds bearing Tamil-Brahmi inscriptions.

Radiocarbon dating conducted in 2021 at the internationally renowned Beta Analytics Laboratory in Miami, USA, on dehusked rice grains collected from a burial urn at Sivakalai

revealed the date as 1155 BCE. This scientific evidence confirms that Tamil communities living along the Porunai river cultivated rice more than 3,200 years ago.

Adichanallur:

Excavations carried out by the Tamil Nadu State Department of Archaeology at Adichanallur between 2019 and 2021 have helped reconstruct its history. These excavations reveal the life of people who lived before and after the Iron Age. The discovery of microlithic tools indicates the presence of pre-Iron Age communities in this region.

Further, artefacts such as burial urns, iron tools, offering pots, pottery, pottery sherds with symbols, and Tamil-Brahmi inscriptions confirm continuous habitation during the Iron Age and early historic period.

At Adichanallur, 21 terracotta pipe segments were discovered, highlighting the water management practices of ancient times. The large quantity of high-quality bronze and gold artefacts found at Adichanallur and Sivakalai reflects the prosperity and social status of the ancient Tamil society.

Antiquity of Iron in Tamil Nadu:

Scientific dating indicates that the use of iron at Sivakalai dates back to 3300 BCE and at Adichanallur to 2613 BCE. Thus, it has been scientifically established that iron usage in Tamil Nadu dates back over 5,300 years.

Thulukkarpatti:

Excavations conducted at Thulukkarpatti near Tirunelveli between 2021 and 2023 uncovered silver punch-marked coins, ivory objects, glass beads, terracotta beads, carnelian, agate, garnet, crystal stone beads, various iron objects, terracotta figurines, and wheels. Potsherds with Tamil-Brahmi inscriptions were also found. Additionally, more than 5,000 potsherds bearing symbols were discovered, which is considered a significant finding.

Korkai:

Sangam literature provides extensive references confirming that Korkai functioned as the capital and port of the Pandyas. Foreign travel accounts also mention the Korkai port. Excavations conducted at Korkai during 1968-1969 and 2020-2021 unearthed glass beads,

glass bangles, shell bangles, terracotta beads, rare stone beads, discs, terracotta figurines, iron objects, copper objects, perforated terracotta pipes, Sangam-era copper coins, Roman Arretine ware sherds, Chinese celadon-ware sherds, silver punch-marked coins, northern polished black ware, and black-slipped ware associated with the Gangetic plains.

Carbon dating results from earlier excavations confirm that Korkai functioned as a port city even before the 8th century BCE.

Special features of the Porunai Museum inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister include a 15-minute light and sound show presented in an air-conditioned auditorium, highlighting the antiquity and history of Tamil Nadu and the significance of Sivakalai, Adichanallur, Thulukkarpatti, and Korkai.

Scientific evidence establishes that iron smelting technology originated in the Tamil region more than 5,300 years ago. To explain this, live demonstrations and model displays of iron smelting processes have been arranged for easy public understanding.

Symbols, cultural elements, and scenes depicted in Tamil literature that reveal the connection between the Indus Valley and Tamil Nadu are explained through comparative displays.

Models of two ships have been created to vividly portray maritime trade at the Korkai port and the export–import trade conducted by Tamils with foreign merchants.

As an immersive journey into the uniqueness of Tamil landscapes, the five ecological regions

(Ainthinai) are showcased in five-dimensional (5D) format for public enjoyment.

Artefacts discovered at Adichanallur by Alexander Rea, from the collections of the Government Museum, Egmore, Chennai, are also displayed.

Scientific and technological methods such as stone tool making, shell object production, iron smelting, water management, and trade transport activities are presented through experiential displays.

Maps and artefacts from the archaeological sites of Sivakalai, Adichanallur, Thulukkarpatti, and Korkai highlight their importance and the unique features of the Porunai river valley civilisation.

Paintings vividly portray the lifestyle, culture, technological progress, and environment of the Tamil communities that lived along the Porunai river.

Through touch screens, virtual displays, audio-visual presentations, documentaries, immersive exhibits, and models, the Porunai Museum has been designed to reflect the antiquity and continuity of Tamil culture, attracting not only Tamils worldwide but also people from all walks of life.

Hon’ble Chief Minister comes to the succour of 4 kids of a family that lost both parents

Keeping in mind the future welfare of four orphaned children from Kallakurichi District, various types of welfare assistance was provided by the Hon’ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K.Stalin.

On 08.12.2025, at the Secretariat, the Hon’ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, Thiru. M.K.Stalin provided various forms of assistance to four children from Poottai Village in Kallakurichi District who had lost both parents. The assistance included a house site patta, allotment of a house under the Kalaignar’s Dream Housing Scheme, an appointment order, financial assistance under the Anbu Karangal Scheme, and a stipend for skill training.

Kamalakkannan of Poottai Village in Sankarapuram Taluk, Kallakurichi District, passed away due to illness on 14.11.2025. His wife, Tmt.Vasanthi, had already passed away in 2017 due to illness. The couple had three daughters and one son.

The Hon’ble Chief Minister personally spoke to the four children over the phone, consoled them, and assured them that the Government would provide all necessary support. In a social media post, he stated that these four children would henceforth be the children of the Government and that the Government would protect their future.

Accordingly, on 08.12.2025, the Hon’ble Chief Minister provided the following types of assistance: a house site patta worth Rs. 2,50,000 to the late Kamalakkannan’s daughter, Selvi Lavanya; an allotment order for construction of a house worth Rs. 3,55,600 under the Kalaignarin Kanavu Illam Scheme; an appointment order for the post of Computer Assistant at the Sankarapuram Block Development Office; monthly financial assistance of Rs. 2,000 each under the Anbu Karangal Scheme to daughter Selvi Rishika and son Selvan Abnesh; and financial assistance of Rs. 6,000 to daughter Selvi Reena for undergoing skill-based beautician training.

Hon'ble Chief Minister hands over pension orders to 42 retired journalists

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K.Stalin**, distributed orders granting monthly pension to 42 retired journalists -10.12.2025.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu on 10.12.2025, at the Secretariat, on behalf of the Information and Public Relations Department, handed over pension orders to 10 retired journalists as a token of the issuance of monthly pension orders of Rs. 12,000 each to 42 retired journalists who are in indigent circumstances.

Journalists declared as front-line workers

Journalists play a vital role in creating public awareness by promptly publishing daily news for. They act as a bridge between the Government and the people by conveying Government schemes to the public. During disasters such as cyclones, heavy rains, floods, major accidents, and disease outbreaks, journalists work tirelessly day and night without rest, gathering and delivering factual information to the people.

Recognising this invaluable service, for the first time in Tamil Nadu, the Hon'ble Chief Minister Thiru. M.K.Stalin declared working journalists as frontline workers.

Welfare assistance provided through the Journalist Welfare Board

After the Dravidian Model Government

assumed office, the Journalist Welfare Board was established under the Information and Public Relations Department on 01.12.2021. Welfare assistance such as educational assistance, marriage assistance, maternity assistance, miscarriage assistance, spectacle allowance, natural death assistance, and funeral assistance for journalists' families has been provided since March 2024. So far, 3,674 persons have been enrolled as members, and assistance amounting to Rs. 8,56,500 has been provided to 81 journalists.

Welfare schemes implemented to safeguard journalists' welfare

With great concern for the welfare of journalists, the Government is implementing various schemes such as pension for journalists, a welfare fund for retired journalists, assistance to families in the event of the natural death of journalists during service, family pension, and the Journalist Welfare Board.

Enhanced benefits after the Dravidian Model Government assumed office

As per the Government Order dated 18.07.2022, the maximum gratuity payable on retirement for journalists was increased from Rs. 3 lakh to Rs. 4 lakh.

The monthly pension for journalists was increased from Rs. 10,000 to Rs. 12,000 with effect from 14.06.2023 and is being provided to 356 journalists. The family pension was increased from Rs. 5,000 to Rs. 6,000 from June 2023 and is being provided to the families of 72 journalists.

From May 2021, when the present Government assumed office, till date, monthly pensions have been provided to 125 journalists and family pensions to the families of 27 journalists.

Further, after the Government assumed office, assistance amounting to Rs. 2 crore 9 lakh 50 thousand has been provided to 59 journalist families under the Journalist Family Assistance Fund Scheme.

In addition, in the event of the natural death of editors, assistant editors, photographers, reporters, and proofreaders during service, the family assistance provided from the Chief Minister's Public Relief Fund has been doubled. The assistance amounts have been enhanced from Rs. 1.25 lakh to Rs. 2.50 lakh, from Rs. 2.50 lakh to Rs. 5 lakh, from Rs. 3.75 lakh to Rs. 7.50 lakh, and from Rs. 5 lakh to Rs. 10 lakh.

Medical assistance from the Journalist Welfare Fund

The medical assistance provided from the Journalist Welfare Fund was increased from Rs. 2,00,000 to Rs. 2,50,000 with effect from 19.07.2022. From May 2021 till date, medical assistance amounting to Rs. 30,61,339 has been provided to 16 journalists.

Issue of pension orders to 42 journalists

For 42 retired journalists who are in indigent circumstances, the Dravidian Model Government issued a Government Order on 27.11.2025 to provide a monthly pension of Rs. 12,000 each under the Journalist Pension Scheme.

Accordingly, the Hon'ble Chief Minister issued orders sanctioning a monthly pension of Rs. 12,000 each to all the 42 retired journalists.

9,86,732 people have benefited from "Nalam Kaakkum Stalin Scheme"

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K.Stalin** reviews the implementation of the 'Nalam Kaakkum Stalin' scheme - 02.12.2025

A review meeting on the implementation of the 'Nalam Kaakkum Stalin' scheme, on behalf of the Department of Health and Family Welfare, was held on 02.12.2025 at the Secretariat, under the chairmanship of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K.Stalin.

In the Health and Family Welfare Department's Demand for grants for the year 2025-2026, it was announced that special medical camps would be conducted to provide advanced medical services. Accordingly, the Hon'ble Chief Minister inaugurated the 'Nalam Kaakkum Stalin' special medical camps on 02.08.2025 at St. Bede's Anglo Indian Higher Secondary School campus, Santhome, Chennai.

For each of these advanced medical service camps, an amount of Rs. 1.08 lakh has been allocated, and a total of Rs. 13.58 crore has been sanctioned for conducting 1,256 camps across the state.

These camps are being conducted on a priority basis in rural areas, slum areas, and regions with a higher population of tribal communities where access to advanced medical facilities is limited. Priority is being given to people above 40 years of age, those affected by diabetes and high blood pressure, persons with mental health issues, heart patients, pregnant women and lactating mothers, under-developed children, differently-abled persons, tribal communities, and socially and economically backward sections.

So far, 632 camps have been conducted across the state under the 'Nalam Kaakkum Stalin' scheme and 9,86,732 people have benefited.

During the meeting, the Hon'ble Chief Minister instructed the officials that basic facilities such as drinking water, seating arrangements and toilets should be ensured for people attending the camps. He also directed that a sufficient number of volunteers should be appointed to guide the public visiting the camps.

Further, he instructed the officials to carry out proper publicity to ensure public awareness of the camps. He said that separate rooms should be arranged for mothers to breastfeed their children and necessary facilities should be provided for elderly persons and differently-abled persons attending the camps.

He further directed that It should be ensured that those identified with illnesses at these camps and referred for further treatment, continue and complete their follow-up treatment.

News in Picture

Birth Anniversary of Mahakavi Bharathiyar

On behalf of the Government of Tamil Nadu, on the occasion of the 144th birth anniversary of Mahakavi Bharathiyar on 11.12.2025, floral tributes were paid to a decorated portrait of the poet, placed near his statue located on Kamarajar Salai, Chennai, by the Hon'ble Minister for Tamil Development, Information & Publicity, Thiru. M.P. Saminathan, the Hon'ble Minister for Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments, Thiru. P. K. Sekar Babu, the Mayor of Greater Chennai Corporation, Tmt. R. Priya; the Deputy Mayor, Thiru. M. Mahesh Kumar; the Secretary to Government, Tamil Development and Information Department, Thiru. V. Rajaraman, I.A.S, the Director of Tamil Development Department, Dr. N. Arul, the Additional Director (Public Relations), Information and Public Relations Department, Dr. R. Baskaran, and the President of the VGP World Tamil Association, V. G. Santhosam.

UPSC results affirm aspirants success through Naan Mudhalvan's competitive exams wing

Statement of the Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu
Thiru. Udhayanidhi Stalin - 28.12.2025.

For more than half a century, Tamil Nadu has remained at the forefront of India's social development path, creating a new ecosystem for competitive examination aspirants in the State. This progress has been built on the foundational ideology of the Dravidian movement, which insists that education and opportunities should not be restricted to a few but must be accessible to all. This philosophy has rescued several generations from poverty, expanded literacy, and transformed Tamil Nadu into one of the most socially advanced societies in India.

However, after 2017, a bitter reality began to emerge: Tamil Nadu's contribution to national-level competitive examinations, especially the civil services examinations conducted by the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC), gradually declined. Inequitable access to quality coaching, heavy financial burdens, and the lack of a systematic guidance and institutional framework for competitive exams were identified as the primary reasons. In particular, students residing in rural areas outside major cities were unable to receive proper guidance. As a result, the number of successful candidates dropped sharply to just 27 in 2021.

For a State renowned for producing capable administrators and reform-oriented officers, this decline was not only disappointing but also highlighted the urgent need for immediate corrective action.

Naan Mudhalvan Competitive Examinations (NMCE): The journey from an idea to an institution.

Recognising this decline, the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, the Dravidian leader, gave instructions on 7th March 2023 for the establishment of a new wing called the "Naan Mudhalvan Competitive Examinations

Wing' (NMCE) under the Tamil Nadu Skill Development Corporation.

This initiative was not conceived merely in an office meeting; it emerged from extensive interactions with students and teachers across various Districts. Many of them voiced a common concern: "We had the motivation to study but did not have the opportunities and facilities to continue."

The "Naan Mudhalvan Competitive Examinations Wing" is not a short-term grant-based intervention; it is a structural reform. Its objective is to make competitive examinations easily accessible, affordable, and attainable, transforming them from distant dreams into achievable goals. The core aim is to restore confidence among the youth that Tamil Nadu, a pioneer of social justice, will also lead in ensuring equal opportunities in modern employment.

This initiative functions as part of the Hon'ble Chief Minister Thiru. M.K.Stalin's dream project, 'Naan Mudhalvan', which seeks to turn every student into a first-generation achiever.

A structured solution to an unequal environment.

Students in cities like Chennai or Delhi could easily access premier coaching centres. In contrast, students from regions such as Cuddalore or Dindigul struggled without adequate textbooks or guidance. Many talented students discontinued their studies midway as they could not afford coaching fees or the cost of staying away from home.

To correct this imbalance, the 'Naan Mudhalvan Competitive Examinations Wing' was designed around three pillars:

1. Financial assistance for professional coaching
2. Residential coaching programmes with accommodation
3. Impact-oriented support schemes

Under the Union Public Service Commission Civil Services Examination Incentive Scheme announced in the 2023-2024 Budget, 1,000 students are selected every year through a transparent selection process. Each selected student receives Rs. 7,500 per month for 10 months to prepare for the Preliminary Examination. Those qualifying for the Main Examination receive a one-time incentive of Rs. 25,000, and from 2025 onwards, candidates qualifying for the Personality Test (Interview) receive Rs.50,000. The Dravidian Model

Government came forward and extended a helping hand. With increased participation and strong Government support, the examination outcomes have validated the success of this scheme:

In 2023-2024, 453 students qualified for the Preliminary Examination.

In 2024-2025, this number rose to 559. Of these, 134 students qualified for the Main Examination, and 50 students secured places in the final selection list. One among them, Thiru. Sivachandran, secured 23rd rank at the all-India level and emerged as the top rank holder from Tamil Nadu.

In 2025-2026, 659 students qualified for the Preliminary Examination, and 155 students qualified for the Interview stage. Among them, 87 candidates were trained at the All India Civil Services Coaching Centre (AICSCC) run by the Dravidian Model Government. This stands as a significant success achieved through the dynamic and inclusive vision of the Hon'ble Chief Minister Thiru. M.K.Stalin.

Beyond statistics, this initiative has restored the belief that success is not determined by one's economic background but by one's hard work. It is a testament to social transformation.

The true success of the Naan Mudhalvan Competitive Examinations Wing' does not lie merely in numbers, but in the psychological shift it has created. Today, youth across Tamil Nadu view national-level examinations as achievable goals within reach. This growing confidence spreading across smaller towns is the strongest evidence of the programme's impact.

Daughter of a beedi worker becomes IPS officer

A powerful example of this success story is that of S. Inba from Tenkasi District. The daughter of a retired bus conductor and a beedi worker, she turned the District library into her second home. Benefiting from the "Naan Mudhalvan" scheme, she cleared the Civil Services Examination in 2023 and was selected as an IPS officer. Her success is not an isolated one; it symbolises that when barriers are removed, Tamils are capable of creating achievements and driving transformation.

Residential coaching programmes

Beyond civil services, this scheme has been expanded to cover SSC, Railways, and Banking examinations. Residential facilities with accommodation, food, and coaching are provided free of cost in Chennai, Coimbatore and Madurai.

In the first year, among the 510 students trained, 80 candidates have been appointed in nationalised banks and the Railways. The second phase of training, with enhanced facilities, commenced in October 2025.

K. Bhuvaneshwari, a student from an agricultural family in Dharmapuri, secured the position of Agriculture Field Officer in Punjab National Bank through this programme. This further proves that income or place of residence is not a barrier to success.

Transparency and public trust

By leveraging modern technology, complete transparency has been ensured in this scheme. Merit-based selection, direct transfer of assistance to bank accounts and systematic auditing are being followed.

Through the Competitive Examinations Wing of the Naan Mudhalvan scheme, Tamil Nadu has rejuvenated an exclusive, merit-based public service tradition. It sends a powerful message to the world that excellence and equality are not contradictory, but complementary values that strengthen each other.

Great schemes praised by the people

'One Kg of Rice for One Rupee' Scheme

"To reduce the burden of expenses the poor, the destitute, the common people who suffer from hunger, and middle-class families; to encourage thrift during times of hardship; and to ensure that no one lives with the pain of hunger, the dream project envisioned by Arignar Anna for the welfare of the poor and the simple people — the 'One Kilogram of Rice for One Rupee Scheme' — was launched by Muthamizharignar Kalaignar on 15.09.2008 at Radhakrishnan Nagar, Chennai."

'Chief Minister's Meal Scheme for Sanitation Workers'

In 2007, the Sanitation Workers Welfare Board was established by Muthamizharignar Kalaignar, for the welfare of sanitation workers and their dependents. Following his footsteps, the Government of Tamil Nadu, under the leadership of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, Thiru. M.K.Stalin, launched the 'Chief Minister's Meal Scheme for Sanitation Workers' to provide nutritious meals to sanitation workers working in shifts (morning, afternoon and night) in the Greater Chennai Corporation. This scheme was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K.Stalin, at Kalaivanar Arangam, Chennai, on 15.11.2025.

Paddy cultivation undertaken on a record 6.13 lakh acres in the 2025 Kuruvai season

★ Since the Government of Tamil Nadu assumed office in 2021, it has been presenting a separate budget for agriculture in the Legislative Assembly every year. The agricultural budget announces and implements numerous schemes to protect the welfare of farmers and improve their economic condition.

★ Under these schemes, the Government of Tamil Nadu provides various subsidies to increase the cultivated area and production and to add value to and market agricultural produce. It also ensures the uninterrupted and timely availability of essential inputs for cultivation, such as seeds, fertilizers, bio-fertilizers, and crop protection chemicals.

★ Based on this, to increase paddy cultivation over a larger area and boost production, just as the Kuruvai Special Package Scheme was implemented every year, the 'Kuruvai Special Package Scheme' is being implemented this year as well in the Delta Districts with a fund allocation of Rs. 82.77 crore. Furthermore, for the first time in Tamil Nadu, a 'Special Package Scheme' for the Kar/Kuruvai/Sornavari season is being implemented in non-Delta Districts with a fund allocation of Rs. 132.17 crore.

★ In addition, to facilitate paddy cultivation over a larger area in the Delta Districts during the Kuruvai season, the Mettur Dam was opened for irrigation on June 12th by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu.

★ Due to these commendable measures taken by Tamil Nadu, paddy cultivation has been undertaken on an unprecedented 6.13 lakh acres during the 2025 Kuruvai season. This is 2.25 lakh acres more than in 2024.

★ Currently, as the Kuruvai paddy harvest is in full swing in the Delta Districts, Samba paddy cultivation is expected to intensify in the next ten days. To date, Samba season paddy cultivation has been undertaken on 2.64 lakh acres. In the previous year, at the same time, cultivation was carried out on 5.50 lakh acres.

★ This year, due to paddy cultivation being undertaken on a larger area during the Kuruvai season, and because of favorable conditions, farmers who normally cultivate paddy during the Samba season also undertook Kuruvai cultivation. Furthermore, as only 52 percent of the Kuruvai paddy harvest has been completed so far, and due to continuous rainfall caused by an upper air cyclonic circulation, Samba paddy cultivation is being delayed.

★ In the Delta Districts, Samba paddy cultivation is expected on 80 per cent of the Kuruvai cultivation area of 6.13 lakh acres, which is approximately 5 lakh acres.

★ Moreover, since paddy nurseries are currently ready on 5,438 acres, and because there is sufficient water in the Mettur dam for irrigation (83.14 TMC) due to widespread rainfall in various regions during the North-East monsoon, and because medium and long-duration paddy seeds are available in sufficient quantities at agricultural extension centres, Samba and Thaladi paddy cultivation will be undertaken on more than the normal area of 13 lakh acres.

★ All farmers intending to undertake Samba paddy cultivation are requested to contact their respective Block Assistant Director of Agriculture and to approach the nearest agricultural extension centre for seed requirements

Gandhiji's lesson to village folk

When the Satyagraha movement was in progress, Gandhiji once stayed in a village called Karaadi. One day, he noticed a group of villagers moving forward in a procession. Women were leading the procession, carrying the national flag. Loud drumming was heard. Gandhiji wondered whether they were about to begin a Satyagraha. If that was the case, why were the men carrying fruits, flowers, and other items in their hands?

As he came out while thinking thus, the people in the gathering arrived raising cries of "Long live! Long live!" They stood before him and bowed in reverence. Further, they placed the gifts they had brought at his feet.

"What is the purpose of your visit? Why this beating of drums?" he asked them.

The leader who came at the front of the procession said to Gandhiji with great humility:

"Mahatmaji, our village has always suffered from a drought. Summer came, and the wells were dry . But once you came here, the situation has completely changed. As soon as your sacred feet touched this village, water began to flow abundantly in the wells. Therefore, we have brought these gifts to express our gratitude."

In a slightly stern tone, Gandhiji asked, "Are you mad? What connection is there between my arrival and this water? Can I command God? Do you not know that before the Almighty, your voice and my voice have the same value?"

The villagers, on hearing this, bowed their heads. Gandhiji then said with a smile, "Friends, if a crow is sitting on a tree and, by chance, a branch of that tree breaks, would you say that the crow was the cause of it? There may be many reasons for the flow of water in your wells. Perhaps there was some upheaval underground, and because of that a new spring emerged. You should not imagine things like children. Now then, all of you must spin yarn on the charkha. Mother India needs plenty of cloth," he said, explaining to them the necessity of hard work.

-From the book, 'Interesting Anecdotes from the Life of Gandhiji'...

Scheme to conserve 4 lesser-known but vital endangered species

Let us know

- The Government of Tamil Nadu has sanctioned Rupees One crore under a pioneering scheme to conserve four lesser-known endangered species the Lion-Tailed Macaque, Madras Hedgehog, Striped Hyena, and Hump-Headed Mahseer Fish.

- In March 2025, marks a significant expansion of the State's biodiversity protection strategy, moving beyond iconic mega fauna like elephants and tigers to focus on fragile yet vital species that play a crucial role in maintaining ecological balance. A Government order in this regard has been issued.

- Tamil Nadu, with its Western and Eastern Ghats, is globally recognised as a biodiversity hotspot. Conservation efforts have historically focused on charismatic species, but many lesser-known species continue to face silent threat of extinction due to habitat loss, poaching, road mortality, ecological neglect, and invasive pressures.

- Each of these species, though not always in the public eye, contributes indispensably to the health of ecosystems through functions such as pollination, seed dispersal, disease regulation, and water system restoration.

- The scheme targets four species of high ecological importance.

- The Lion-Tailed Macaque, an endangered primate endemic to the Western Ghats, survives in fragmented forest patches with highly restricted distribution. The Madras Hedgehog, nocturnal and elusive in its lifestyle, is found in semi arid landscapes of Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, and Kerala, yet remains understudied and unprotected.

- The Striped Hyena, a near-threatened species and natural scavenger, plays a critical role in regulating diseases but is facing rapid decline in the Mudumalai Tiger Reserve landscape.

- The Hump-Headed Mahseer, once abundant in the Moyar River, is now critically endangered due to dam construction, destructive fishing practices, pollution, and invasive species introduction.
- A total of Rs.48.50 lakh has been allocated for Lion-Tailed Macaque conservation, Rs.20.50 lakh for Madras Hedgehog, Rs.14 lakh for Striped Hyena, and Rs.17 lakh for Hump-Headed Mahseer, amounting to Rupees One crore in total.
- These funds will support activities such as habitat monitoring, longterm population studies, setting up of conservation breeding centres, and ecological surveys. Special interventions include canopy bridges for macaques to ensure forest connectivity, targeted awareness and education programs for schools and communities, signages in vulnerable areas, and training of frontline forest staff.
- For the Mahseer, in-situ culture, breeding and release programmes will be undertaken to revive riverine fish populations.
- The outcomes of the initiative are expected to be far-reaching. Baseline data on population status, threats, and habitat quality will be systematically generated, offering a scientific foundation for long-term strategies. Conservation measures will reduce human-wildlife conflict, improve ecological resilience, and strengthen the State's preparedness to protect species often neglected in mainstream efforts. Communities will be actively engaged, fostering awareness, ownership, and positive attitudes towards these endangered species.
- The capacity of the Forest Department staff will be enhanced, while the ecological health of critical habitats such as rainforests, drylands, and river systems will see long-term improvement.
- This announcement builds on Tamil Nadu's recent conservation milestones, including the creation of India's first Dugong Conservation Reserve in Palk Bay in 2022, the Kadavur Slender Loris Sanctuary in 2022, and the launch of Project Nilgiri Tahr in 2023.
- By prioritising the conservation of less celebrated but ecologically crucial species, Tamil Nadu has once again demonstrated its leadership in biodiversity conservation.
- The initiative aligns with the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework's 30x30 targets, underscoring Tamil Nadu's commitment to global climate and biodiversity goals. ■

A scheme that is close to the heart of the Hon'ble Chief Minister 'Thayumanavar Scheme'

"An article submitted by Thiru. N. Panneerselvam from Tenkasi District in response to the following topic given in the December issue: Describe the special features of the new scheme, the **Thayumanavar Scheme**, launched by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K.Stalin** on 12.08.2025."

Introduction

The Thayumanavar Scheme, launched and implemented by the Government of Tamil Nadu, is a remarkable scheme that is progressing successfully and can be considered a model initiative for all of India. Let's learn more about it.

Thayumanavar Scheme

Considering the difficulties faced by senior citizens and differently-abled persons in going to ration shops to buy essential commodities, our Hon'ble Chief Minister, with a motherly heart, launched and implemented the Thayumanavar Scheme, a service that delivers ration items to the homes of the elderly and differently-abled persons.

Ration Item Delivery Service

The service of delivering ration items to the homes of the elderly and differently-abled persons on the second Saturday and Sunday of every month is an excellent service.

Operation

This scheme is being implemented through 34,809 fair price shops, benefiting a total of 21,70,454 beneficiaries, including 20,42,657 senior citizens above seventy years of age and 1,27,797 differently-abled persons. The Government of Tamil Nadu has allocated Rs. 30.16 crore for this scheme.

Favourite Scheme

Launched on 12.08.2025 in Tondiarpet, Chennai, the 'Thayumanavar Scheme' is a scheme that is close to the heart of the Hon'ble Chief Minister.

On 01.11.2025, by the order of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, the age limit for senior citizens was changed from 70 years to 65 years.

Breakfast at school energizes the students, satisfies their hunger, and enables them to quench their thirst for knowledge

In the November issue of Tamilarasu magazine, essays were invited on the topic ‘The benefits accruing to students from Classes 1 to 5 through the extension of the Hon’ble Chief Minister’s pioneering Breakfast Scheme to Government and Government-aided schools in urban areas.’ In response, Nallasiriyar award-winning teacher Tmt. I. Satyabhama Murugan from Mayiladuthurai District submitted the following article to Tamilarasu.

The Chief Minister’s Breakfast Scheme is a scheme that has touched the hearts of children. Students receive nutritious food, including vegetables with lentils and sambar daily, as part of a balanced diet.

In the fast-paced urban life, where parents go to work, they go to their jobs with the confidence and peace of mind that their children will have breakfast at school. The parents are saved the rush and anxiety of making breakfast for their school-going children.

Eating breakfast at school energizes the students, satisfies their hunger, and enables them to quench their thirst for knowledge.

Hot water is also provided with breakfast. Boiling the water kills germs.

There is absolutely no doubt that performing these tasks is an added burden for parents in the mechanical rush of urban life.

Because of the Breakfast Scheme, student dropout rates have decreased. Attendance and learning ability have increased. Health has also improved due to receiving a balanced diet daily.

In short, there is not an iota of doubt that the Hon’ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu has won a place in the hearts of students from classes one to five.

Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission Model Question Paper with Answers

1. Consider the following statements on State Information Commission.
   Find out incorrect statement.

   (i) The Commission consists of Chief Information Commissioner and not more than 5 Information Commissioner.

   (ii) The State Information Commissioners are not eligible for reappointment.

   (iii) The Governor can remove the State Information Commissioner.

   (iv) High Court Chief Justice is one of the members of the committee which recommends State Information Commissioner.

   (A) (ii) and (iv) are incorrect

   (B) (ii) and (iii) are incorrect

   (C) (i) and (iv) are incorrect

   (D) (i) and (ii) are incorrect

2. A State Human Rights Commission inquires into violations of Human Rights related to lists enumerated in the

   (A) State list   (B) Union list

   (C) State list and Concurrent list   (D) State, Union and Concurrent list

3. Match the following

Article		Subject
(a) 124 C	-	1. Seat of Supreme Court
(b) 125	-	2. Power of Parliament to make law
(c) 126	-	3. Salaries
(d) 130	-	4. Appointment of Acting Chief Justice

	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
(A)	2	3	4	1
(B)	1	4	3	2
(C)	2	1	3	4
(D)	4	3	2	1

4. Arrange the following bodies in their chronological order of establishment

(A) Sarkaria Commission, Punchhi Commission, Rajamannar Committee, First Administrative Reforms Commission

(B) First Administrative Reforms Commission, Committee, Sarkaria Commission, Punchhi Commission Rajamannar

(C) Rajamannar Committee, First Administrative Reforms Commission, Sarkaria Commission, Punchhi Commission

(D) Punchhi Commission, First Administrative Reforms Commission, Rajamannar Committee, Sarkaria Commission

5. The Article which is not related to Chief Minister?

(A) Article 163 (B) Article 164 (C) Article 165 (D) Article 167

6. The word 'Parliament' is derived from the ----------word 'Parle' which means to talk.

(A) French word (B) Latin word

(C) Greek word (D) Spanish word

7. The President of India is elected by the system of direct elections.

(i) The President of India is the Nominal Head of the State.
Which of the above statement are true?

(A) (i) only (B) (ii) only

(C) Both (i) and (ii) (D) None of the above

8. Who called the Directive Principles of state policy as "a manifesto of aims and aspirations"?

(A) K.C. Wheare (B) T.T. Krishnamachari

(C) Sir Ivor Jennings (D) B.R. Ambedkar

9. Consider the following, statements on Fundamental Duties. Find out the incorrect statement

(i) Paying taxes

(ii) Safeguarding public property

(iii) Preserving the rich heritage of the country

(iv) Casting the vote in the elections

(A) (1) and (ii) are incorrect (B) (ii) and (iii) are incorrect

(C) (iii) and (iv) are incorrect (D) (i) and (iv) are incorrect

10. Identify the case which did not deal with the basic structure of the Indian Constitution?

(A) Kesavananda Bharati vs State of Kerala, 1973

(B) Minerva Mills vs Union of India, 1980

(C) A.K. Roy vs Union of India, 1982

(D) Golaknath vs State of Punjab, 1967

11. The First Amendment incorporated Constitution of India in 1951. Article in the

(A) Article 15(4) (B) Article 15(2) (C) Article 15(3) (D) Article 15(1)

12. Consider the following statements and related to Janani Suraksha Yojana choose the correct answer.

(1) The Scheme was introduced to reduce Maternal Mortality and Infant Mortality Rate

(2) It is 100% centrally sponsored.

(3) It is 100% state sponsored

(A) (1) and (2) (B) (1) and (3)

(C) (2) and (3) (D) (3) only

13. Which of the following schemes are about The Rural Electrification?

(i) Deen Dayal Upathyaya Gram Jyoti Yojana (DDUGJY)

(ii) Deen Dayal Upathyaya Grameen Koushalya Yojana (DDUGKY)

(ii) Pradhan Mantri Sahaj Bijili Har Ghar Yojana (SAUBHAGYA)

(A) (i) and (ii) only (B) (i) and (iii) only

(C) (ii) and (iii) only (D) (i), (ii) and (iii)

14. Which of the following is not correct abbreviation?

(1) RLEGP	-	Rural Landless Employment Guarantee Programme
(2) SGSY	-	Sampoorna Grameen Self Reliance Yojana
(3) CSRE	-	Central Scheme for Rural Employment
(4) NREGA	-	National Rural Education Guarantee Act

(A) (1) and (3) (B) (2) and (4) only

(C) (1) and (2) (D) (3) and (4)

15. Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana is for

(A) Reducing rural poverty (B) Reducing infant mortality rate

(C) Reducing urban poverty (D) Increase agricultural production

16. The motto 'One Tax, One Market, One Nation' is associated with

(A) Central tax (B) Corporate tax

(C) Goods and Services Tax (GST) (D) State tax

17. Match the following type:

(a) Fiscal Policy	-	1. Issue of Currency Notes
(b) Monetary Policy	-	2. Rationing of Credit
(c) RBI	-	3. Cash Reserve Ratio
(d) Credit Control	-	4. Taxation

	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
(A)	4	3	1	2
(B)	3	4	1	2
(C)	2	1	3	4
(D)	1	2	4	3

18. Which of the following statements are true about the first five year plan?

(i) It was focused on agriculture and irrigation to boost farm output

(ii) It was based on the Harrod-Domar model with few modifications.

(iii) It was followed the Mahalanobis model.

(A) (i) only
(B) (i) and (ii) only
(C) (i) and (iii) only
(D) (ii) and (iii) only

19. Arrange the chronological order:

(1) Mitra Mela

(2) Anu Shilan Samithi

(3) Indian Home Rule Society (3)

(4) Hindustan Ghadar

(A) (1) - (2) - (3) - (4)
(B) (4) - (3) - (2) - (1)
(C) (3) - (4) - (1) - (2)
(D) (4) - (2) - (3) - (1)

20. In 1947 Indian National Congress agreed for the partition, because

(1) The principle of two-nation theory was then acceptable to them

(2) It was imposed by the British Government and the congress was helpless in this regard

(3) They wanted to avoid large-scale communal riots

(4) all the above reasons

(A) (1) and (2) are correct
(B) (3) and (1) are correct
(C) (3) only correct
(D) all the above are correct

21. Arrange the following events in chronological order:

(1) Government of India Act 1935
(2) Gandhi-Irwin Pact
(3) Communal Award
(4) Cripps Mission

(A) (1), (2), (3), (4)
(B) (3), (2), (4), (1)
(C) (2), (3), (1), (4)
(D) (3), (2), (1), (4)

22. Which one of the following was proved to be an important association in Socio-Religious Movement in South India?

(A) Prarthana Samaj
(B) Arya Samaj
(C) Brahma Gnana Sabha
(D) Brahma Samaj

23. The National Civil Service Day is observed on

(A) March 8 (B) January 7

(C) May 11 (D) April 21

24. In which session of Indian National Congress the Song, Jana Gana Mana was First Sung?

(A) 1911 session at Mumbai (B) 1911 session at Delhi

(C) 1911 session held at Calcutta (D) 1911 session held at Bihar

25. Which of the following is not correctly matched?

(A) Dadabhai Naoroji - East India Association

(B) Savitri Bai Phule - Servants of India Society

(C) Surendranath Banerjee - Indian Association

(D) A.O. Hume - Indian National Congress

Answers

1.—(C)	2.—(C)	3.—(A)	4.—(B)	5.—(C)
6.—(A)	7.—(B)	8.—(A)	9.—(D)	10.—(C)
11.—(A)	12.—(A)	13.—(B)	14.—(B)	15.—(C)
16.—(C)	17.—(A)	18.—(B)	19.—(A)	20.—(D)
21.—(C)	22.—(C)	23.—(D)	24.—(C)	25.—(B)

The best article written on the following topic will be featured in next month's issue along with a photograph and a special prize will be given.

Topic:

"Describe the benefits gained through the **'Anbu Cholai'** centres, which were inaugurated on 10.11.2025 by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K.Stalin**, with the objective of ensuring the overall well-being of senior citizens."

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- **2,100** in the **Quiz** (Vizhithezhu Manithi) Competition
- **389** in the **Reels** (Velvom Stalinudan) Competition
- **497** in the **Infographic** Competition
- **1,087** in the **Essay** (Ungalukku Piditha Thittam) Competition
- **659** in the **Photographic** (Nammudan Stalin) Competition

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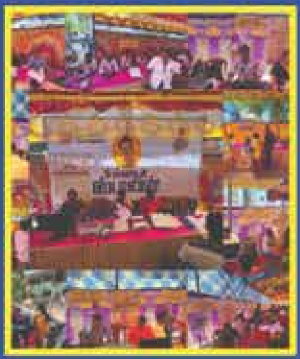

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Public Holidays for the year 2026

S. No.	Public Holidays	Date	Day
1.	New Year's Day	01.01.2026	Thursday
2.	Pongal	15.01.2026	Thursday
3.	Thiruvalluvar Day	16.01.2026	Friday
4.	Uzhavar Thirunal	17.01.2026	Saturday
5.	Republic Day	26.01.2026	Monday
6.	Thai Poosam	01.02.2026	Sunday
7.	Telugu New Year's Day	19.03.2026	Thursday
8.	Ramzan (Idu'l Fitr)	21.03.2026	Saturday
9.	Mahaveer Jayanthi	31.03.2026	Tuesday
10.	* Annual closing of Accounts for Commercial Banks & Co-operative Banks	01.04.2026	Wednesday
11.	Good Friday	03.04.2026	Friday
12.	Tamil New Year's Day/ Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's Birthday	14.04.2026	Tuesday
13.	May Day	01.05.2026	Friday
14.	Bakrid (Idul Azha)	28.05.2026	Thursday
15.	Muharram (Yaom-E-Shahadath)	26.06.2026	Friday
16.	Independence Day	15.08.2026	Saturday
17.	Milad-un-Nabi (Prophet's Birthday)	26.08.2026	Wednesday
18.	Krishna Jayanthi	04.09.2026	Friday
19.	Vinayakar Chathurthi	14.09.2026	Monday
20.	Gandhi Jayanthi	02.10.2026	Friday
21.	Ayutha Pooja	19.10.2026	Monday
22.	Vijaya Dasami	20.10.2026	Tuesday
23.	Deepavali	08.11.2026	Sunday
24.	Christmas	25.12.2026	Friday

*Applicable only to Commercial Banks and Co-operative Banks in Tamil Nadu

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K. Stalin, handed over orders for a monthly pension of Rs.12,000/- to 42 retired journalists who were in an indigent state, on behalf of the Information and Public Relations Department on 10.12.2025.

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The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K. Stalin was greeted by the members of the Indian team, Joshna Chinnappa, Abhay Singh, Velavan Senthilkumar and Anahat Singh, which won the Squash World Cup title in the SDAT Squash World Cup 2025 event in Chennai, along with Squash Championship Director Thiru. Cyrus Poncha and coaches Thiru. Harindar Pal Singh and Thiru. Allan Soyza, in the presence of the Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. Udhayanidhi Stalin, at the Secretariat, Chennai, on 15.12.2025.

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